Adams County News

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Death's Harvest In Adams County

Hand of the Reaper Takes Well Known Citizens. Not as Many Fall Victims to Disease This Week as During Weeks Past

BURKELEY BUHRMAN

Berkeley Buhrman, for many years a resident of Adams County died at 8.15 o'clock, Wednesday evening, at his home in Ronzerville of pneumonia and heart disease after an illness extending from December 1. He was aged 72 years and 7 days.

The deceased was born at Mt. Zion, Frederick county, Md. His parents were Jacob and Nancy Buhrman. While a lad his parents moved to Fountaindale, Adams county, where he developed into manhood. In the year 1860 he was united in marriage to Anna Forgisson, daughter of William Forgisson, Fountaindale. He purchased a farm near Fountaindale and became prosperous. Later he lost it through too great confidence in a supposed friend.

About four years ago he moved to Waynesboro. Later he lived in South Waynesboro. A year ago he moved to Ronzerville and resided there until his death.

Beside his widow, three children survive as follows: Mrs. C. S. Young, Ronzerville; Mrs. J. T. Barton, Fountaindale, and Mrs. I. D. Kelly, Gettysburg.

Funeral, Saturday. Meet at house at 9 a. m. the funeral cortege moving to Fountaindale where services will be held in the Methodist Episcopal church, conducted by Rev. F. F. Bahner, D. D., Waynesboro, and Rev. W. B. Keeley, Ronzerville. Interment in Fountaindale cemetery.

JOHN SPENCER

John Spencer, colored, died this morning at the County Home from tuberculosis aged 66 years. He was a former resident of Gettysburg. Interment will be made in the Colored Cemetery.

MISS MARTHA J. BELL

Miss Martha J. Bell died Christmas morning at half past one from Typhoid Fever at her home in Hunterstown aged 48 years.

She was the daughter of the late Major and Mrs. Bell and for a number of years had been a trained nurse. She is survived by the following brothers and sisters: J S. Bell, W. W. Bell, Mrs. Tnughinbaagh, Miss Fannie Bell, all of Hunterstown; Bart Bell and Grant Bell, of Dakota; Mrs. A. Reist Rutt, of Milton.

The funeral was held Sunday morning at half past ten, services being conducted at the church in Hunterstown after interment in the cemetery. Rev. Mr. Baker was the officiating minister.

MRS. JOSHUA SEASE

Mrs. Joshua Sease died Sunday morning at seven o'clock at her home in Orrtanna aged about 72 years.

She is survived by the following children, her husband having died several years ago; Charles, of Missouri, and the following all of Orrtanna, John, Maxwell, Joshua, Henrietta, Hannah, and Anna.

Funeral Wednesday morning, December 30, at nine o'clock. Services in the church at Orrtanna conducted by the Rev. Mr. Keely. Interment at Fairfield.

JOSEPH MARKLE

Joseph Markle, a farmer, died at his home in Paradise Township, York County, near Abbottstown, Friday evening at 6.15 o'clock having been in ill health for some time. He was aged 77 years, 10 months and 19 days.

Funeral, Monday, Dec. 28th, at 9 a. m. Services in the Lutheran Church at Abbottstown, and interment in the burial-ground adjoining, Rev. A. C. Forscht officiating.

DIED AT ORPHANAGE

Mary, the bright little daughter of Harry P. Hemler, of near Brush Run school house, Mountpleasant Township died at the Sylvan Heights Home for Orphan Girls, Harrisburg, Wednesday night, Dec. 23, quite suddenly from diphtheria, aged 5 years, 6 months and 14 days. Owing to the contagion of the disease the remains were interred at the institution Friday afternoon.

MRS. MARY A. YOUNG

Mrs. Mary A. Young, widow of William Young died on Saturday at 5:45 p. m. of a complication of diseases. She was ill in bed but a few days, and her death was unexpected to all. She was 76 years of age. She leaves one daughter Miss Rebecca J. to mourn her loss as well as two brothers, Patrick Ditton and John Dillon; one sister Mrs. Catharine Kirkpatrick, of Cambria county; and two grand children Joseph and Miss Marie Borkey, of Buchanan Valley. A high mass of requiem was celebrated in St. Ignatius Church for the repose of her soul, Rev. F. C. Noel officiating and her remains were interred in St. Ignatius Cemetery on Tuesday Dec. 29, by the side of her husband William Young.

The pall beares were James Kimple, John Brady, James Shepard and Henry Kimple.

Mrs. Young was a devout Catholic, a kind and gentle mother, and a kind neighbor and her many friends and neighbors will sadly feel her departure from their midst. May she rest in peace.

Those attending the funeral of Mrs. William Young were her brothers, John and Patrick Dillon, Mr and Mrs. James Kirkpatrick and [illegible] Patrick Dillon of Cambria County; Clement Young [illegible] Beth[illegible], of Hanover; Miss Rebecca Young, of Harrisburg; John Kimple and daughter, Miss Maud, of Gettysburg.

SOCIAL GATHERING

A very social gathering was held at Charles Wherley's near Bonneauville on Christmas day. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wherley, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Spangler, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wherley, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Black, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sponseller, Misses Maud Wherley, Mary Spangler, Annie Wherley, Bertha Wherley. Messrs. Paul Spangler, Maurice Wherley, Simon Beard, Mark Spangler, Arthur Spangler, George Sponseller, Allen Wherley, Lester Spangler, Harry C. Sponseller and Mr. Henry Utz.

At the noon hour the guests were invited to the table which was weighed down with roast goose, roast chickens and all the delicacies of the season. They were entertained with music on the organ by the young ladies.

A Guest

CAPTURED COON

Bendersville Jan. 1—Harry Rautzahn and Ira Schlosser, after hunting on Bear Mountain Wednesday night captured a large coon. The animal was presented to Mr. Hoover, of the Elk Horn Hotel who will serve it for supper Saturday evening.

ENTERTAINED LITTLE FRIENDS

The home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Long on Steinwehr avenue was the scene of a very pleasing event Thursday afternoon when their little five year old daughter, Elsie C. Long, entertained a few of her little friends. Little Elsie's manners were real "grown up" as she received her little guests and acted as hostess. The little guests were invited to the dining room. There their eyes were all on a level with the table as they ranged in years from four to six. Those present were: Misses Elsie Long, Ruth Hamilton, Marian and Margaret Taylor, Evelyn Toot, Helen and Anna Sefton, Dorothy and Anna Bream, Bello Miller, Mary Kissinger, Louise Beader, Mary Wolf and Edith Smiley.

THIEVES

East Berlin Jan. 1—Elias B. Sowers, of Reading Township, has been much troubled by thieves who have stolen from him many chickens, a quantity of corn and a lot of plank. Mr. Sowers has some suspicions as to who the guilty parties are and expects to punish those who have been troubling him.

SPORTSMEN ORGANIZE

Gettysburg Branch of United Sportsmen of Pennsylvania Organized Wednesday Evening and Elected Officers. Their Plans.

Wednesday evening the organization meeting of the local branch of the United Sportsmen of Pennsylvania was held, the following officers being elected: president, Charles Holtzworth; vice president, Charles Myers; secretary and treasurer, C. K. Gilbert.

The local organization will see that the existing game laws and those enacted in the future are enforced in Adams County. In addition to this they will be active in getting legislation, favorable to sportsmen, enacted. The State Association has framed a bill which will be presented at the coming session of the state law-makers and the local organization will petition Senator Martin and Representative Cole to lend their aid in having the measure become a law.

The new bill makes many provisions radically different from the bill of the Fisheries Department. It creates new classification whereby carp are not classed as a food fish, but declared a fish without protection except from the use of explosives and poisons. The committee intends to push the bill without regard to what the Commissioner of Fisheries may do.

The present law permits arrests of people "for" fishing for certain kinds of fish, but this is proposed to be done away with. The bill specifies what may not be used to take fish, interpreting the law clearly; abolishes the limit on number of rods a man may have; does away with requirements that fish be measured, limiting catch to forty trout and various numbers of other fish; abolishes all requirements about meshes in nets; denounces spring fishing with outlines as destructive to salmon, and fixes the outline season at from May 1 to January 1; gives the right to enter bail for payment of penalty pending an appeal from a magistrate's sentence, and right to ask a jury trial. Now there is no appeal and if a man cannot pay he must go to prison.

In addition it is provided that the Fish Commissioner must retain in hatcheries one-half of fry less than an inch and a half long, and gigging and seining will be done away with. This last provision is especially interesting to local sportsmen.

Miss Ella Brinkerhoff is spending several days with friends in Baltimore.

LOCAL ITALIANS MUCH WORRIED

Relatives and Friends of Local Italians Lived in Stricken Portion of Italy. One Italian Hears Relatives are Killed.

The natives of "Sunny Italy" living in Gettysburg and the County, of whom there are quite a number, are much worried over the news of the terrible catastrophe which has befallen their native land. Practically all of them have relatives living there while many have friends and relatives who reside in the stricken sections. One of the Gettysburg italians burst into tears upon hearing of the calamity and is inconsolable.

Grief-stricken by a cablegram from Italy telling him that his entire family, father, mother and six brothers and sisters, had been killed by the earthquake and tidal wave that devasted Southern Italy, Antonio Greggllo, who has been working at White Hill subway, quit his job and left hurriedly for his home country Wednesday.

Greggllo's parents were well-to-do fruit growers residing along the Strait of Messina. There the earthquake was most disastrous and the ruins were swept by the following tidal wave. Greggllo feared for the worst but it was not until Wednesday that his fears were confirmed by a cablegram from Naples, a relative there notifying him of the death of his parents and the destruction of their property. No definite news has been received of his brothers and sisters, but it is believed that they have also perished.

Greggllo has been saving his money to return home and had several hundred dollars in his money belt. He immediately drew the pay coming to him, bought a ticket to New York and left for there Wednesday intending to take the first steamer to Italy.

STOLE REVOLVERS

Waynesboro—It was discovered Monday morning that the hardware store of Beck & Benedict, Waynesboro, was entered by robbers and a number of articles taken from the store room. The robbers effected an entrance through a rear door, by boring five holes through the panel with an inch and a half bit, making an opening large enough to reach through. Among the articles missing are eight revolvers and 5000 cartridges. The loss is estimated at about $35 or $40, and there is no clue as to who the thief was.

Leatherman Brothers, of route 5, were busy sawing a large quantity of wood on Thursday.

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Gettysburg Rural Route Happenings

Numerous Personal Notes Telling What the People Living Along the Rural Routes Starting from Gettysburg are Doing

Miss Belle Strickhouser, of Waynesboro, is visiting Bernett Rinehart on route 9.

The following were visitors at the home of G. W. Bender, on route 7, this week, Mrs. Catherine Diehl, of New Oxford; Dr. E. J. Diehl, of Lancaster; and Misses Miriam and Esther Diehl, of York.

Miss Isabella McKinney, of Taneytown, is visiting Miss Anna Weaver at her home on route 12.

Harry Little and Charles Rudisill, of route 1, were butchering on Tuesday.

Routes 2 and 13 were visited by many "belsnickles" on Monday evening, causing much merriment.

Charles Emory Coshoun, of route 2, gave a large family dinner on Christmas Day.

J. Carey Smith and family of route 2, presented the carrier with some nice oranges and apples.

Ida Rebecca Scott, of route 8, is visiting in Camden, N. J.

The school board of Freedom township met Tuesday at Moritz's School House on route 8.

George Thomas, of Pottsville, visited his sister, Mrs. A. J. Wenschoff, of route 8, Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Knox, of Altoona, have returned home after a visit at the home of Mrs. Knox's father, H. P. Bigham on route 8.

Mr. Joseph Felix, of Fairplay, spent Tuesday in Gettysburg.

Miss Ida Sheads, of route 4, is visiting at Virginia Mills.

John W. Eppley, of route 2, spent Christmas with his father.

Mr. Ephraim Herr, and daughter, Miss Annie Herr, of route 3, are visiting in Harrisburg and Lancaster.

Mr. Lloyd Troxel and sister, Bruce, of route 3, are visiting at Detrey, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Jacobs and daughter, Carrie, of route 4, were in Gettysburg last Saturday.

Mrs. E. Troxel, of route 3, and Mrs. Will Boyd, of route 4, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. George Jacobs, on route 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Jacobs and daughter Carrie, were at the home of Mr. Troxel Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jacobs, of route 4, ate their Christmas dinner with their son, Quincy Jacobs and wife in Fairfield.

Messrs Howard and William Bream killed a hog for Mr. C.J. Weanor that dressed 534 pounds and made 165 pounds of lard.

Mr. E. Shindledecker, of route 13, killed two hogs weighing 385 1-2 and 279 pounds. Peter Sease, of the same route, killed one weighing 338 pounds.

Charles Topper and son, of route 6, are visiting in Hanover.

H. G. Hall, of Philadelphia, is visiting George Plantz, of route 6.

Zala I. Deatrick, of Woodstock, Va., is spending the holidays at her home on route 6.

Mrs. W. H. Wrikert, of route 6, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Charles Topper of the same route.

Mrs. L. J. Klunk, of route 6, has the thanks of Carrier Flemming for a fine lot of "butchering."

A new sheep pen is being built on Meadow Valley Stock Farm on route 6.

A surprise party was given Miss Mamie Wagner, on route 3, Saturday evening. There were about thirty present.

A phonograph entertainment was given at Fairplay school house on route 3 Monday night. It was very largely attended.

J. B. Haverstock, of route 5, was busy butchering on Tuesday.

Francis Sneeringer, of Mount St. Joseph's College, Baltimore, is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Sneeringer, at Willow Brook Farm on route 9.

George Knipple, of route 9, killed several fine porkers Tuesday.

Eli Hess, of route 7, lost a valuable cow this week.

G. H. Fiddler, of route 7, was busy butchering on Tuesday.

T. C. Grove, of route 7, had a mule kicked to death Sunday morning.

John McIlhenny, of route 7 is suffering from a carbuncle at the back of his neck.

Prof. E. S. Bream, of Pottstown, is spending his vacation at his home on route 7.

S. L. Noel, living on the William Gulden farm on route 12, is re-roofing his house.

Rev. Mr. Foutz, of route 4, lost a valuable horse by death Tuesday. The animal died from the effects of being kicked.

Among those who butchered on route 4 this week were: George C. Plank, Charles E. Weikert, Daniel Stoops. One of Mr. Plank's hogs proved to be very difficult to kill, five shots being required.

Miss Margaret Borner, of Knoxlyn, on route 4 is home from school in Philadelphia for the holidays.

Miss Helen Scott is spending her vacation at her home on route 4. She attends normal school at Shippensburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Rife, of route 8, were visiting at the home of George Grove, on route 7, Sunday.

Miss Mary Deardorff, of route 5, has returned from a trip of several weeks to Chester and Philadelphia.

A. S. Mills is substituting on route 13 for carrier Tate for several days.

Mrs. Mary Kime, of route 5, is somewhat improved. She has been very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Boyd and son, George, have returned to Barlow on route 2, after a week's visit in Harrisburg.

Mrs. Lloyd Bream and sister, Miss Boyd and Russel Boyd, all of route 2, are visiting friends in Waynesboro.

Miss Carrie Cromer, Maurice Sharretts, Dorothy Sharretts, and Paul Reaver, of route 13, spent Christmas at Linwood, Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. George Schriver, of Harney, Md., spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Mills, at Barlow.

Miss Ollie May Thomas, of Seven Stars, spent the holidays with her sister, Mrs. A. J. Wenschoff, and Miss Mary Wenchoff on route 8.

Mrs. H. E. Rethhaupt and family, of route 3 have returned home after spending Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Nary, in Orrtanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. Trostle, of route 3, spent Christmas in York.

E. L. Gulden, of route 9, conducted a large shooting match at his property on Saturday. It was largely attended.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Leas, of route 9, spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mrs. Leas at Jefferson, York county.

Miss Ada Fishel, of Mechanicsburg, is visiting Misses Margaret and Charlotte Howard, on route 7.

Mrs. W. C. Storrick and Miss Nina Storrick, of route 9, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Heck on route 1.

A reception was given Mr. and Mrs. Itugh McIlhenny by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McIlhenny on route 7 Saturday evening.

Mrs. John W. Tate, of route 7, was given a post card shower on Monday.

Miss Etta M. Benner, of Philadelphia, is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Benner, on route 1.

George Starner, of Shepherdstown, W. Va., spent Christmas with C. F. Starner, of route 1.

Miss Anna Weaver is home from school at Taneytown for the holidays. She lives on route 12. Her brother, Gait Weaver, is also spending some time at his home.

Albert Solt, of Williamsport, Pa., is spending some time with J. A. Claspaddle, on route 1.

All the carriers wish to thank their patrons for numerous remembrances over the Christmas season.

Among the many handsome presents given and received on route 6 was a fine sewing machine received by Miss Dugan.

Home Course In Modern Agriculture

I.—How a Seed Starts to Grow

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A SEED is a simple thing to look at. It might as well be a pebble or a grain of sand for all there seems to be to it. Only a bean, you say, yet there's a great deal more to that bean than you ever dreamed of.

Take a bean—just an ordinary white bean out of the pantry—and look at it. The smooth white outer covering is the seed coat. It is almost water tight and is a protection for the parts that lie within. On one side you will notice a very conspicuous spot. This is the seed scar and is the place where the little stem that fastened the bean to the pod was attached. Near one end of the seed scar, or hilum, as the botanists call it, is a small round hole, the micropyle. If you put a bean in water it will soon begin to swell because of the water which it absorbs through the micropyle.

Now, take a bean that has been soaked for a few hours. The seed coat will come off easily. The part of the bean that is inside is found to be split in two lengthwise. These two halves are called cotyledons, which is only another name for seed leaves. Spread the cotyledons apart carefully. If you look closely you can see a little plant tucked snugly away between them. Just to one side of the middle is a small stem, the caulicle. Fastened to it is the plumule, a tiny bunch of leaves so small that you may have difficulty in making them out. Farther on, at the end of the bean, is the stubby root, or radicle. These different parts are found in every seed, no matter how small.



FIG. I—A LITTLE BEAN PLANT.

Now that you have seen what is in the bean, examine a pumpkin seed in the same way. It is much the same inside as the bean, only flatter. The hilum is at the pointed end, and the plumule is so small that you may not be able to see it at all. In these two seeds there are only two main parts, the seed coat and the little plant. By far the greater part of the room inside the seed coat is taken up by the fleshy seed leaves.

Now let us look at a different kind of a seed. Take a kernel of corn that has been soaked for several hours and cut it in two lengthwise the narrow way. The back of the grain is made up in part of a hard, flinty substance and in part of a white, mealy layer. A large part of the front of the kernel is taken up by the soft, oily germ.

Look at the cut section of the germ carefully. The little plant can be made out very plainly. The little pointed stem which points upward and outward is the cotyledon. There is only one cotyledon in corn instead of two, as in the other seeds you have examined. If you will take a cotyledon of a corn plant that has been left in a warm place until it has commenced to grow and cut it in two lengthwise you will see that the inside is packed with layers of tiny leaves ready to unfold as soon as their turn comes. This is the plumule. The other parts of the little corn plant you will be able to make out with little trouble.

You have doubtless been wondering what the rest of the kernel, the part back of the germ, is for. While it is not a part of the plant itself, it is of very great use to it, as we shall see. The little plant when it begins to grow must have food. At first it has no roots to get this food from the soil, so it must get its nourishment from some other source. This source is the part of the kernel outside of the germ itself, or the endosperm. In the pumpkin seed and the bean the endosperm and the cotyledons are the same—that is, the food material is stored in the large fleshy seed leaves.

This food material consists largely of starch and oil. Neither of these can be used by the developing plant without first being changed to a liquid form. This is one of the reasons why seeds will not germinate without water. The other reason is that the water is needed to soften the seed coat so the plant can get out. But this starch and oil will not dissolve in water without first being changed to a soluble form. This is accomplished by means of ferments called enzymes. If you will put a piece of starch on your tongue for a moment you will find that it will begin to taste sweet. This is because the ferments in the saliva are changing it to sugar. The enzymes in the endosperm work in much the same way, changing the starch and oil to sugar and other soluble substances. These are dissolved by the water and go to feed the growing plant.

These enzymes cannot work without air and warmth. You already know that seeds will not germinate in cold ... If you will put some ... glass of water and leave them for several days you will find that they will not germinate, no matter how warm they are kept, because they cannot get air. The reason is that without both air and warmth the enzymes cannot prepare the food for the plant, and if it cannot get food of course it cannot grow.

After the plant has started to grow the seed coat is no longer of any use to it. In some plants, such as corn, the little plant finds its way out very easily. The little pumpkin plant, with its heavy coat, has a harder time. Indeed, were it not for a little contrivance with which nature has provided it it could not get out at all. This is a tiny hook on the lower end of the seed. This hook catches on the end of the seed coat and peels it back as neatly as you take off your coat. Watch for this in a germinating pumpkin or squash seed and see if you cannot notice it. In some seeds, like hickory nuts, the plant is unable to get out until the seed coat is cracked by the frost or in some other way.

We have seen that a seed cannot start to grow unless it has moisture, warmth and air. It not only needs these, but it needs them in the proper proportions. In a light, sandy soil moisture is often lacking, and the seed is slow in germinating for this reason. In such a soil growth will start more quickly if the soil is packed tightly around the seed. The seed will soak up moisture more rapidly if the particles of soil are in close contact with it on all sides. Packing down the soil in the row with the flat side of a hoe or with a board or with the broad, flat planter wheels in the field helps the seed to absorb moisture and so hastens germination.

In a heavy, sticky clay soil there is usually plenty of moisture, but air is often lacking. If such a soil is packed down too tightly over the seed the particles are forced so closely together that very little air can get through, and hence germination is delayed. In a soil of this kind seeds should never be planted very deeply.

The most important factor of all is warmth. A cold soil may have moisture and air in exactly the right amounts, and still the seed will not start to develop. Even if it does begin to grow progress will be slow, and the plant will have a weak, unhealthy look. It is of the utmost importance to wait until the seed bed is warm before planting the seed. Many seeds which would rot or produce only spindling stalks if planted in a cold soil will grow into strong plants if planting is delayed until the soil has become warm. Any seed will make a stronger, better producing plant if it has a warm seed bed to start from.

The rapidity with which soil will warm up in the spring depends a great deal upon the nature of the soil itself. A sandy soil warms up quickly because the air can get down into it easily, thus warming it all the way through at once. Another reason for the higher temperature of sandy soil is its greater dryness. As long as water is evaporating rapidly the ground will be cold. The process of evaporation requires a great deal of heat.

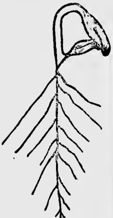


FIG. II—HOW A SQUASH PLANT TAKES OFF ITS SEED COAT.

We can help the soil to become warm in the spring, then, by doing all that we can to check evaporation. Did you ever notice how quickly the surface of a wet field became dry after it had been harrowed? This is because stirring and loosening the soil stops the water from coming up from below. The water in the loose upper layer soon evaporates, and after that the heat is used in warming the soil instead of turning the water into vapor. Of course if we are not going to allow the surplus water to be given off by evaporation we must provide the drains and ditches to carry it away. We shall study more about drainage and the movement of water through the soil in another article.

ST. JOHN'S DAY OBSERVED

The usual ceremonies marked the observance of St. John's day by Good Samaritan Lodge 336 of Masons in Gettysburg Monday. St. John's day, according to the church calendar, occurred Sunday, but the celebration of the anniversary, which is a great event in Masonic circles, was postponed until Monday. The observance included the institution of officers for the coming year.

The installation services were held in the lodge room in the Masonic Building and after they were concluded the local Masons and their guests went to the Eagle Hotel and banqueted. There were about seventy five present.

John D. Keith Esq. acted as toastmaster. Two speeches were made during the evening, one by W. C. Sheely Esq. on "Good Samaritan Lodge 336" and one by Charles K. Yeager, New Oxford on "The Birth and Youth of Masonry." The opening prayer was made by Rev. C. L. Ritter, of Fairfield, and the closing prayer by Rev. W. W. Hartman of Gettysburg.

WEEK OF PRAYER

During the week of prayer beginning next Monday, Jan. 4th, union services will be held as follows:

Monday evening, St. James Lutheran Church, Dr. Barkley will preach.

Tuesday evening, Reformed Church, Mr. Sherrick will preach.

Wednesday evening, Methodist Church, Mr. Anstalt will preach.

Thursday evening, College Lutheran Church, Dr. Clutz will preach.

Friday evening, Presbyterian Church Mr. Hartman will preach.

Services will commence at 7.00 o'clock.

Candidates who expect to run for the various borough offices at the coming primaries are busy getting signers to their petitions to have their names printed on the party ballots.

NORTH END MAN IS BADLY HURT

Ira Potter, unmarried and aged about 30 years, of Zullinger, a former resident of the North end of Adams County, was shot in the breast shortly before midnight Christmas eve on the street in front of the Leland Hotel, in Waynesboro, and is lying in a critical condition in the Chambersburg Hospital.

Sharon Ganger, of Waynesboro, was arrested and charged with the shooting. Some one threw a beer bottle and hit Ganger. Outside Ganger and Potter had a quarrel, Ganger accusing Potter of hitting him. The police warned them away. Ganger pulled his revolver, it is alleged, and fired two shots.

There were threats of violence, but the officers hurried Ganger to jail before the demonstration became serious.

Potter is a son of A. L. Potter and nephew of Justice John A. Potter.

CHANGE ON SQUARE

Mr. Amos Eckert announces that he intends to convert his handsome residence on the Square into a business block. He will change the present structure to accommodate those desiring to rent for business purposes and the portion of the building not occupied in this manner will be fitted up for use as flats. As soon as Mr. Eckert secures parties to occupy the remodeled structure he will commence the erection of a home on his lot on Springs avenue.

DIRECTORS' CONVENTIONS

The meeting of the State School Directors' Convention will be held at Harrisburg on Thursday and Friday, February 4 and 5.

The Adams County School Directors' Convention will be held in the Court House, Gettysburg, Monday and Tuesday, February 8 and 9, 1909.

SPRING SALES.

Date		Name	Township	Auctioneer
Jan.	1.	Luther Basehoar	Near Seven Stars	Caldwell
Jan.	1.	Addison Leer	Straban	Thompson
Jan.	5.	David Tipton	Franklin	Thompson
Feb.	5.	J. W. Hoffman	Cumberland	Lightner
Jan.	7.	Jacob M. Weaver	Straban	Thompson
Jan.	21.	H. M. McIlhenny	Straban	Thompson
Feb.	1.	D. J. Noel	Mountpleasant	Thompson
Feb.	2.	Henry Sprenkle	Reading	Thompson
Feb.	4.	Franklin Rudisill	Mount Joy	Thompson
Feb.	11.	Samuel Sanders	Liberty	Caldwell
Feb.	17.	Ellen Schlosser	Butler	Thompson
Feb.	18.	Jacob Bream	Cumberland	Caldwell
Feb.	24.	Harry King	Mount Joy	Thompson
Feb.	25.	Fred Riley	Cumberland	Lightner
Feb.	26.	James H. Reaver	Mount Joy	Thompson
Feb	27.	George Basehoar	Germany	Lightner
Mar.	1.	John Gise	Franklin	Colestock
Mar.	1.	F. W. Morrison	Hunterstown	Thompson
Mar.	2.	Charles Kiser	Mountpleasant	Thompson
Mar.	2.	C. P. Bream	Highland	Caldwell
Mar.	3.	Charles E. Deardorff	Mountpleasant	Thompson
Mar.	3.	Luther Spangler	Conewago	Colestock
Mar.	4.	John Riley	Cumberland	Lightner
Mar.	4.	Samuel Deatrick	Menallen	Chas. Lorie
Mar.	4.	Henry Ingle	Tyrone	Slaybaugh
Mar.	5.	John Bupp	Mountpleasant	Thompson
Mar.	5.	A. M. Lochbaum Admr.	Franklin	Martz
Mar.	6.	W. T. Wenk	Near Wenksville	Taylor
Mar.	6.	R. A. Little	Mountjoy	Thompson
Mar.	8.	Howard Barr	Reading	Kimmel
Mar.	8.	C. W. Strickhouser	Butler	Thompson
Mar.	9.	H. E. Rexroth	Menallen	Taylor
Mar.	9.	Ross Anders	Cumberland	Thompson
Mar.	9.	Max L. Cease	Franklin	Martz
Mar.	10.	Charles Longsdorff	Flora Dale	Taylor
Mar.	10.	Benjamin Shutter	Mountpleasant	Thompson
Mar.	11.	E. H. Rinehart	Straban	Kimmel & Shriver
Mar.	11.	S. B. Morrison	Bendersville	Slaybaugh
Mar.	11.	A. W. Little	Mountpleasant	Thompson
Mar.	11.	Jacob Gochnaur	Near Wenksville	Taylor
Mar.	11.	H. L. Bream	Franklin	Martz
Mar.	12.	J. W. Eicholty	Straban	Caldwell
Mar.	13.	Sarah Sowers	Menallen	Slaybaugh
Mar.	13.	Mrs E. Wintrode	Straban	Thompson
Mar.	13.	David Weaver	Franklin	Colestock
Mar	15.	J. W. Stahl	Tyrone	Thompson
Mar.	15.	Abraham McCauslin	Wenksville	Taylor
Mar	15.	Jacob Walter	Hamiltonban	Caldwell
Mar.	16.	Waybright Rice	Aspers	Taylor
Mar.	16.	John M. Rider	Mount Joy	Thompson
Mar.	16.	J. S. Starner		
Mar.	16.	Michael Herring	Liberty	Caldwell
Mar.	17.	George Warren	Hamiltonban	Caldwell
Mar.	17.	Alex. Bucher	Arendtsville	Taylor
Mar.	17.	J. H. Reaver	Cumberland	Thompson
Mar.	18.	H. H. Hart	Butler	Thompson
Mar.	18.	George A. Herring	Highland	Martz
Mar.	19.	H. A. Hershey	Highland	Caldwell
Mar.	19	D. H. Weaver		Colestock
Mar.	19.	J. A. Fohl	Butler	Slaybaugh
Mar.	20.	John A. Cox	Gettysburg	Caldwell
Mar.	20.	W. A. Snyder	Mountjoy	Thompson
Mar.	20.	Wm. P. Dougherty	Franklin	Martz
Mar.	22.	John D. Lochbaum	Hamiltonban	Martz
Mar.	22.	J. J. Timmins	Mountpleasant	Thompson
Mar.	23.	C. P. Bream	Hamiltonban	Caldwell
Mar.	25.	Amos Sillick	Butler	Taylor
Mar.	25.	J. L. Taughinbaugh	Straban	Thompson

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Home Course In Modern Agriculture

II.—How Plants Eat and Grow

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EVERY growing plant is a little factory. The green coloring matter of the leaves, or chlorophyll, is the engine. The sunlight is the power that makes the engine go, and the air, water and some of the substances in the soil are the raw materials.

Under the stimulating influence of sunlight the chlorophyll takes the carbon dioxide gas of the air and the water, nitrogen and minerals which the roots send up in the form of crude sap and tears them to pieces. Then it puts them together again in hundreds of different ways. It makes them into the starch of the potato or the sugar of the sugar beet. It puts them together in another way and makes the hard, horny gluten of a kernel of popcorn or the tough fiber of a cornstalk. By



FIG. III—THE GROWTH OF CORN ROOTS.

building them up in still different ways it makes the hard wood of the oak or the delicate petals of a rose. Man, with all his skill and machinery, has never been able to make any products half so wonderful as are being made every day in every field on your farm.

If plants are to grow rapidly and produce large yields, they must be well fed. About half the dry weight of a mature plant is made up of carbon. Practically all of this comes from the carbon dioxide of the air. Every acre of wheat will use a ton of this gas or all that is in a layer of air three miles deep over the acre. The constant mixing of the air by the wind is always bringing fresh supplies within reach of the plant.

The farmer does not need to concern himself with the supply of carbon dioxide, for every time he builds a fire or even breathes he is adding to the store of this material in the air.

The smooth upper surface of a leaf is both air and water tight. On the underside, however, are many small openings, which are really the mouths of the plant. It is through these tiny holes that carbon dioxide is taken into the leaf to be used by the chlorophyll. In making starch and other products out of carbon dioxide and water some oxygen is given off. This passes out through the openings in the leaves. Thus you see that plants breathe in much the same way as animals do, only they give off oxygen, the product which is used by animals, and take up carbon dioxide, the gas which is breathed out by animals. In this way plants make animal life possible. Animals give off carbon dioxide and manure as waste products. Plants tear these waste products to pieces and by rebuilding them make them once more into food for the animals.

Next to carbon hydrogen and oxygen are the foods that the plant uses in largest quantities. Since water is composed of these elements, the supply will be plentiful as long as there is plenty of water in the soil.

There is one element, nitrogen, which forms a considerable part of the plant, that is harder to get. While three-fourths of the air is nitrogen, the plant does not seem to be able to use it in this form. The only kind of plants that can use the nitrogen in the air at all are the legumes, such as clover and alfalfa. Certain bacteria that live on the roots of these legumes have the power of changing the atmospheric nitrogen into forms in which the plant can use it. We shall study more about this process later.

Nitrogen is one of the most important plant foods, and it is one that is very often lacking. If the plant cannot get a sufficient supply of nitrogen it will be stunted, will stop growing early, and the yield will be very much reduced. Since all the crops, with the exception of the legumes, must get their nitrogen from the soil, the farmer must see to it that there is a plentiful supply there if he wishes to obtain a large yield.

If you will drop a little rich black soil on a hot shovel some of it will go up in smoke. The part that burns is humus and is made up of vegetable and animal matter which is partly decayed. This humus contains large amounts of nitrogen, and from this source the greater share of this element used by the plant must come. If your soil is black, spongy and well supplied with humus there is little danger that the plant will go hungry for nitrogen. One of the best ways to keep a field in this condition is to apply liberal quantities of barnyard manure. Another way is to plow under green crops, especially clover. Sometimes it is necessary to buy nitrogen for the plant in the form of commercial fertilizers, but this is a very expensive way of obtaining it.

Even when the plant is given all the nitrogen it can use it sometimes fails to do well. This is because it cannot get as much of the mineral elements as it needs.

Too much nitrogen in proportion to the amount of mineral elements causes the plant to "go all to vines." There will be an excessive growth of leaves, but the yield of grain will be small. Take an ear of corn or a bunch of hay and burn it. The ashes that are left are the mineral parts of the plant. These cannot be obtained from air or water, but must come from the soil. Some of the most important of these are iron, which is the substance that helps to build up chlorophyll, and sulphur, which is found in the nitrogenous parts of the plant. There are a number of others also, all of which are present in the soil in such large amounts that there will probably always be all that the crops can use.

Two of these minerals, however, potassium and phosphorus, are not so plentiful. When the plant cannot get enough potassium the grain will not be filled out well. If there is too little phosphorus, especially in the case of fruit trees, the development of fruit is checked. Adding barnyard manure to the soil helps to keep up the supply of these two materials. On farms where little stock is kept or where grain has been raised continually for years and little attention paid to the soil it is sometimes necessary to apply phosphorus and potassium in the form of commercial fertilizers.

In the eastern part of this country there are many farms that have become so badly run down that crops will not grow at all unless they are fed with commercial fertilizers. These are very expensive, and it often takes nearly all a farmer makes to pay his fertilizer bills. These farms would never have become so worn out if they had been properly cared for. Leaving plowed ground, especially on hillsides, exposed for several months during the fall and winter allows much plant food to wash away. Growing the same crop year after year wears out the land rapidly. Different crops require different kinds of food. By changing crops from year to year no one food material is used to excess and the others wasted. By keeping as much stock on the farm as possible, saving the manure carefully and spreading it on the fields before it rots or leaches away and by using leguminous plants to gather nitrogen the soil can be kept well supplied with plant food.

It is much more profitable to feed the crops in this way than to buy plant food on the market at excessive prices. Usually, however, the plant is hungry for the mineral elements not because they are not in the soil, but because they are in a form in which it cannot get at them. The roots of the plant spread all through the soil in search of food. If you will look at a little root through a magnifying glass you will see that it is covered with root hairs. It is through these root hairs that the plant takes up food from the soil. There are no openings directly into them, but the walls are so thin that the water can soak through to the inside. Solid substances, of course, cannot get in, so that the plant food must be dissolved in water before it can get into the roots and so up to the chlorophyll, which is waiting to build it into seeds or leaves.

If the soil has been worked until it is fine and loose each little particle

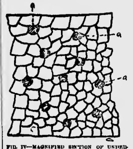


FIG. IV—MAGNIFIED SECTION OF UNDERSIDE OF LEAF SHOWING BREATHING PORES—A, A, A.

will become surrounded by water, which will readily dissolve the plant food from it. If, on the other hand, the soil is in the form of chunks and clods very little of the plant food can be dissolved. The plant food that is on the inside of a clod might as well be out in the road or over on one of the neighbors' farms.

Some of the potassium and phosphorus will not dissolve even when brought in contact with water. It takes a long contact with the air to cause chemical actions which will change it into a soluble form. Continual stirring of the soil hastens this change. Thorough stirring also loosens up the ground so that air can get down to the roots. Without air they will stop growing and the entire work of the plant will stop. The yellow appearance of a patch of corn in a low place where the ground is water soaked is due to lack of air about the roots.

LITTLE GIRL IS BURNED TO DEATH

Six Year Old Daughter of Harry Byers, of Near Littlestown, Fatally Burned Saturday Evening, Died Early Sunday Morning.

Esther Byers, the six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Byers, of near Littlestown, was so seriously burned Saturday evening by a fire of unknown origin that she died Sunday morning after a night of terrible suffering.

The mother and one daughter had gone to Littlestown Saturday evening and the father was home with the other children. He had some duties to perform at the barn and left Esther in the house with the smaller children. When he returned he found the little girl in flames screaming for help. He seized her and placed her in a pump trough to extinguish the flames which he finally succeeded in doing, but not before she had sustained fatal burns.

Physicians were hurriedly summoned and gave the best of medical attention all night. The mother and sister of the little sufferer were sent for at once and returned home soon afterwards. The little girl suffered agony during Saturday night and the early hours of Sunday morning, death finally coming to her relief at five o'clock.

The family is grief stricken over the terrible calamity which has befallen their home. No one knows how the unfortunate child caught fire. None of the other children was burned at all and little damage was done in the house. The entire community was terribly shocked over the sad affair.

Funeral Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock. Interment in Littlestown.

CONFEDERATE MONUMENT HERE

Virginia State Monument Commission will Visit Gettysburg Field to Select Site for State Memorial to her Heroes.

Governor Swanson, of Virginia, has announced that he would call a meeting of the Gettysburg Monument Association of Virginia, to meet in Washington late in January, to take up the matter of selecting a memorial for the Pennsylvania battlefield in honor of the Virginia troops which participated in the battle of Gettysburg.

The character of the monument has not yet been determined. The commission will visit the battlefield and make an inspection of the grounds. The commission is composed of the Governor, United States Senator John W. Daniel, State Senator Edmundson, of Halifax; Capt. S. P. Read, of Mecklenburg County, and Col. Thomas Smith, of Warrenton.

An appropriation of $25,000 was granted some months ago, by Virginia's lawmakers for the erection of this memorial which will be the first Confederate state memorial to be erected, the other Confederate monuments on the field being regimental markers.

A NEW FEATURE.

The News to-day starts a new feature especially for the benefit of those engaged in farming. It is a "Home Course in Modern Agriculture" prepared by C. V. Gregory of the Agricultural Division of Iowa State College and will contain many important matters for those Adams County people who are engaged in the pursuit of farming. Various phases of agriculture will be treated, an installment appearing every week until the course is completed. The course should prove attractive and profitable to the friends of The News for whom it has been secured.

WILL MOVE

The new High School building at the junction of York and Hanover streets will be occupied at the opening of the public schools for the Winter term. The building is almost completed, the finishing coat of varnish being all the work of any consequence that yet remains to be done. Those who have inspected the building are much pleased with its substantial character and the manner in which it meets the requirements of the schools.

Don't wait until the end of the week to find out what the world has been doing. Read The Gettysburg Daily Times every day. 25 cents a month or $2.50 per year if paid in advance.

SLAG-ASPHALT ROAD.

Government's Tests to Provide a Dustless Highway.

NOVEL USE FOR MOLASSES.

Waste Product of Sugar Refineries Utilized as Binder For a "Candy" Highway Near Newton, Mass.—Oil Tried in Kansas.

Chicago is to have a dustless road, and Superintendent M. J. Doherty of the department of streets and the superintendents of all the park systems are awaiting the result of the experiment with interest.

The road will be constructed of blast furnace slag combined with asphalt cement by the office of public roads of the United States department of agriculture. It will be one of a number of experiments conducted by the department in the effort to give the nation dust proof thoroughfares. Possibly the road will be constructed in one of the south side parks.

If the results are as satisfactory as the preliminary conditions indicate, the slag-asphalt or slag-tar roads will realize the hope of the scientists for both the utilization of byproducts and the attainment of a dustless road.

The road to be constructed in Chicago under the supervision of Chief Engineer Vernon M. Peirce will be of slag and asphalt. It will be carefully observed during the trying months of winter. If in the spring it has been established that this class of road remains firm, does not rut, sheds water and makes but little dust, a vast step forward will have been taken in road building.

More novel than this, however, the office of public roads has been preparing in the east to lay a stretch of what facetious writers are almost certain to label a "candy" road. In all flights of fancy it is probable that nobody except a scientist would go so far afield in research as to adopt molasses as a road building material, but that is exactly what has been done



ROAD WITH SLAG FOUNDATION.

Assistant Chemist Prevost Hubbard of Director Page's scientific corps has been leveling a half mile stretch of road near Newton, Mass., for the laying of the first molasses road.

This molasses is the almost useless byproduct of the great cane sugar refineries of the south and the beet sugar refineries of the west and southwest. It is sickishly sweet, nearly as black and as thick as tar and almost as powerful as a binder. Having always been a waste product, it can be bought at a lower price than coal tar and in greater quantities. In laboratory experiments it behaved so well and held out such promises for ideal roads that the practical test of a real road was decided upon.

"Slag as the useless byproduct of the blast furnaces and molasses as the useless byproduct of the sugar refineries," a circular issued by the office of public roads says, "may in a few years revolutionize country road building, create a demand for more extended roads in the United States, where those products are most easily to be had, and add millions to the wealth of the country by putting a cash value on hitherto waste material.

"While experts are laboring with these experiments in the east, south and middle west, ... also from the office of public roads ... engaged at Independence, Kan., in trying to devise a method ... oiled roads analogous ... which have produced the famous oiled roads of southern California. He is mixing heavy oils, possessing pronounced asphaltic bases, with ... soil and sand and compacting the preparation so formed with a tamping roller.

"The oiled roads of California have saved millions of dollars to the farmers and fruit growers of that fertile state in the last few years by suppressing the dust that formerly arose in blinding clouds with the passing of every vehicle. Those dust clouds, floating to adjacent fields and orchards, depreciated the price of farm produce and lowered the values of real estate to a startling degree. The sprinkling of oil was tried, and the dust was held in check. Then some of the roads were plowed and the oil mixed with the earth and the mass firmly rolled to a properly crowned surface. Splendid results followed in most instances."

Banks Make Donation For New Roads.

As a starter for a fund to construct a new road from Rock river bridge to the town hall in Drury township, Ill., three banks in Moline, Ill., have donated $1,000 toward the fund of $20,000 which will be raised for the expenses of the road. Each bank gave one-third of the amount. It will mean a great deal to the city of Moline, as it will be a direct thoroughfare to the south end of the county. The road will be a regulation state road and will allow ample room for any kind of vehicle to pass.

SELECT DESIGN FOR BUILDING

New Building of Gettysburg National Bank will be a Handsome Granite Structure. Herman Miller, of Philadelphia, the Architect.

Tuesday afternoon the Board of Directors of the Gettysburg National Bank selected as the architect for their new building Herman Miller, of Philadelphia, approving the plans which he submitted for the structure. Mr. Miller was the architect for the new First National Bank building and also designed the handsome home of the Hanover Savings Fund Society.

The building of the Gettysburg National Bank will be of light grey granite, the stone being used on three sides and only the rear of the building being brick. The structure will stand almost in the center of the lot owned by the bank, ten feet being free between the new building and the store building of G. W. Weaver and Son while there will be six feet free on the Globe Hotel side of the lot which, with the alley way, will make about twenty feet.

The building will be colonial in design. It will be 44x88 feet and its height will be 43 feet. A portico supporting four monoliths will be the main feature of the front of the building. These granite columns will stand out about eight feet from the building proper the dimensions of the portico being 8x23 feet.

Several steps will lead from the pavement to this portico, the floor of the building proper being about two feet above the building line. The interior of the structure will be finished in marble. The kind of wood to be used has not yet been determined upon.

As was the original determination of the Board of Directors when it decided to build, the structure will be for banking purposes only and will be but one story in height. It will be modern in every particular and will have all the conveniences of a thoroughly up-to-date banking establishment.

As soon as the plans are completed, which will be about February 1, bids will be advertised for and construction will be hurried as much as possible.

Mr. Miller was selected from a large number of architects. The building committee consists of William McSherry Esq., Hon. D. P. McPherson, and Dr. Walter H. O'Neal.

HUNTED FOR MAN.

The 9:05 train on the Reading Monday evening hunted all the way from White Hill to Brandtsville for a flagman supposed to have dropped off a preceeding freight train. It was feared that the man had been badly hurt, if not killed. When the passenger caught up with the freight it was found that the man had been picked up unharmed. The 9:05 lost 15 minutes by the operation and had been 14 minutes late leaving Harrisburg. Nine minutes of this was made up before reaching Gettysburg.

The 5:45 on the Western Maryland Monday evening "blew out" its exhaust nozzle and was over an hour and a half late reaching Gettysburg.

GAVE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Christmas exercises were held in the Methodist church Thursday evening. M. R. Remmel, Superintendent, presided and a good program was well rendered. The Sunday school orchestra assisted in the music. Santa Claus appeared on the scene, and looked like the merry old fellow that the children all know him to be. The members of the school received a half pound box of fine chocolates, the pastor was presented with a handsome copy of "The Story Life of Lincoln," and the school contributed fruit, jellies, preserves, and groceries to fill a box which was expressed Christmas Day to the Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia. The Methodist congregation of New Oxford made a Christmas gift of several gold coins to their pastor, Rev. W. W. Hartman.

HORSE WALKS OFF

Harrisburg—A horse belonging to Ober Brothers, the liverymen, strayed away from Penbrook and has not been recovered. The outfit, which consisted of a black mare and buggy with red running gear, was hired by a young man. The young man lost his hat and got out of the buggy to get it. When he returned the mare and carriage were gone. The last seen of the outfit the horse was headed for Harrisburg without a driver.

BOETTINGER—McGILL

At noon Tuesday in St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal church Montclair, New Jersey, Miss Harriet Anderson McGill, of Thurmont, Maryland, well known in Gettysburg, and Mr. George Boettinger, of Salem, Massachusetts, were united in marriage. They will sail from San Francisco January 23 for Japan where Mr. Boettinger is a lay missionary.

GETTYSBURG TO HAVE THEATRE

New Play House to be Erected in Very Near Future on Collins Lot East of Globe Hotel. Walter and Walter the Promoters.

Gettysburg is to have a new theatre. The firm of Walter and Walter, who for many months past have been conducting successfully the Electric Theatre in the Sanders Building at the corner of Baltimore and East Middle streets will commence operations as soon as possession can be obtained of the Collins lot immediately East of the Globe Hotel on York street, the lease for which was closed Monday afternoon.

In speaking of the project to a Times reporter, Mr. Walter said: "We pro-



JOHN F. WALTER.

pose to erect a first class play-house and one which will be able to accommodate almost any show on the road. The lot is 50x110 feet and the stage of the theatre will be 32x30 feet. The building will be simply an auditorium one story in height, but will be among the best. The floor will have a five foot slant. Active building operations will be commenced just as soon as we can get possession, which we hope will be in the very near future."

Mr. Walter intends to run a very good class of shows in the new play-house and will open the theatre with an especially high grade attraction, already conducting negotiations for se-



MRS. JOHN F. WALTER.

curing one of the best musical comedies on the road.

Concerning the moving picture business Mr. Walter announces that he will continue as in the past and in the new play-house will have moving pictures on all nights on which there are no plays.

Walter and Walter have a long chain of theatres at the present time and their new Gettysburg venture will be one of the largest in the chain. They are now operating a large number of moving picture shows at various places, all of which are successful.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Orie D. Wierman, of Bendersville, and Jennie E. Cline, of Idaville R. F. D.

S. G. Warren and Alice Kuhn, both of Wenksville.

William A. Study, of Kump's and Annie M. Willet, of Littlestown.

Clifford S. Lizor, of Greencastle, and B. Sanders, of Freedom township.

GUARDSMAN TAKES A BRIDE

Albert W. Solt, of Williamsport, and Miss Katie Clapsaddle of this place first met during the encampment here in July last. Thursday they were married at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. W. W. Hartman. They will reside in Williamsport, where Mr. Solt is employed in the Radiator Works.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS

The following unclaimed letters remain in the Gettysburg post office December 28, 1908.

Mr. Joan Gassel, A. Lamotte, Mrs L. Sames.

Persons calling for these letters should state that they were advertised.

Wm. H. McIlhenny,
Postmaster.

Joseph Topper, of Mount Pleasant township, who was placed in the county prison by Constable Groft, of McSherrystown, is out on bail.

FINE ROADS ABROAD.

American Experts Point Out Superiority of Foreign Highways.

THREE THINGS TO REMEMBER

Selection of Routes, Proper Maintenance and Adaptation of Construction to Traffic Are Essential, Say Delegates to International Road Congress.

Three of the American delegates to the first international road congress recently held in Paris, France, arrived in New York the other day. All from Seattle, Wash., they are Samuel Hill, president of the Washington Good Roads association; R. H. Thomson, city engineer of Seattle, and Samuel C. Lancaster, professor of highway engineering, University of Washington. Soon after their arrival they united in a statement to the New York Herald regarding the results of the road congress.

Road builders from all parts of the world were present at the conference, twenty-nine countries being represented. There were twenty delegates from the United States.

A remarkable exhibition in connection with the road congress was a display of samples of road surfaces. With the question of the dust raised by motor cars and the bad surfaces of roads so much in evidence, this exhibit was particularly interesting.

The statement of Messrs. Hill, Thomson and Lancaster is as follows:

"Personal observations made in France, Germany and Belgium, Holland and England have served to show in a striking manner the back-

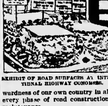


EXHIBIT OF ROAD SURFACES AT INTERNATIONAL HIGHWAY CONGRESS.

wardness of our own country in almost every phase of road construction and maintenance.

"Widely differing conditions render comparisons difficult, yet a study of the roads of these countries, the high state of intensive agriculture noted everywhere, with the resultant beauty of the surrounding landscape, proves most interesting and instructive. They furnish a lesson which America cannot afford to ignore.

"The law of gravitation is universal. The question of gradient applies alike to every road in every country. The traffic to be handled, differing as it does in quantity and character, demands a way over which it can be moved. To do this at a minimum of cost, considering both the surface of the road and the means of conveyance, is the problem. The road must be differently adapted to meet varying conditions. In other words, the traffic must be suited to the road or the road to the traffic.

"Experience and observation are the best teachers. In the opinion of those whose views are herein expressed the attention of the American public should be directed primarily to three things in road construction, namely:

"First.—The selection of the route should be made with reference to gradient, alignment, character of soil, drainage and general adaptability for road purposes.

"Second.—In construction the character of the traffic to be borne, the accessibility and cost of material should be carefully studied. The road best suited for horses differs in character from that best adapted to motor vehicles, and wherever possible different ways should be provided for different kinds of traffic on the same route. In America, where for years to come earth roads will form a large proportion of our highways, much future expense may be saved by planning these ways so that when a portion of the road is metaled an earth road may still be had at one side, thus relieving the metal surface of considerable traffic during certain seasons of the year.

"Third.—Too much stress cannot be laid on the importance of the proper maintenance of our highways. No road is ever finished. Traffic begins to pound and wear away a road before construction is completed. Maintenance must begin on the very day the road is opened for traffic and continue without ceasing throughout the years to come.

"Two of the best specimens of roads seen were in England. In the vicinity of Nottingham we passed for more than a hundred miles over roads built by E. Purnell Hooley which were as nearly perfect as it seems possible to make them. In the environs of London we rode for an equal distance over roads which were well built, the surface of which had been treated under the direction of Sir Herbert Fread. All of these roads carried heavy traffic, including automobiles and traction engines, yet they were perfectly smooth and free from dust. They exemplified in a startling degree the effect of careful construction and constant maintenance, 'where a stitch in time saves nine' as opposed to the laissez faire of some of the leading thoroughfares of our own country as well as around the French capital.

"The first international road congress was productive of great good; the second international congress, which will be held in Brussels two years hence, promises greater things."

Danger In Dust.

Nine horses that were employed on gravel road construction in Hamilton county, Ind., died from the effects of breathing dust.

WORKING BOTH DAY AND NIGHT

Company Working Day and Night in Western End of County after Copper. A Number of Companies Busy Sinking Shafts.

It is not generally known that there is a great deal of activity in the copper fields of Adams county. A number of the claims are being worked extensively. Among these claims is one belonging to the Virgin Copper Company whose center is at Gladhill's Station.

This Company during the past fiscal year has drilled four diamond drill holes ranging in depth from 160 to 800 feet thus proving that the place to hunt copper in Adams County is not on top of ground but at depth where their borings showed startling values. Following the development a 6x8 slope is being sunk on the vein which is dipping East at an angle of 47.25 degrees. The slope is now some 150 feet in depth and a day and night force are adding depth at the rate of one foot per day and putting forth every effort to reach the 800 foot level in depth at which the borings showed, in the language of a noted mining engineer, "a typical Michigan copper deposit".

A recent analysis from the vein by the Ogden Assay Company, Denver, Colorado, shows gold 27.86 ounces, silver 5.56 ounces, copper 16.81 per cent, total value $602.95 per ton. This, of course, was a selected sample, average samples running from $26.58 to $99.42 per ton.

East of the Virgin Company is the National Company which has done some development work, has good showings and proposes active operations in the Spring.

Northwest of Gladhill's Station is the Eagle Metallic Company which has a slope some 200 feet deep with fine showings not working at present, but getting ready to cross it in slope and sink a working shaft.

Northeast of Gladhill's is Ried Hill Company who are sinking a working shaft now some 125 feet deep with values and formation similar to the Virgin mine.

J. H. Dechert, of York, is president of the Virgin Copper Company, H. D. Deshler, of Belvidere, N. J., is president of the Eagle and National Companies and Major Hoor, of Hagerstown, Md., represents the Ried Company.

PUBLIC SALE

On Tuesday Jan. 5th 1909

The undersigned will sell on the David Deardorff farm in Franklin Township on the Hilltown road ½ mile West of Mummasburg, the following personal property, viz: 5 head of horses and mules, 1 pair black mules 7 years old work wherever hitched, 1 black mare rising 5 years old, a good off side worker and a fine driver, 2 colts, 1 bay 7 months old, one roan, five months old, 12 dehorned cattle, consisting of 2 bulls and 10 cows and heifers, all will be fresh by time of sale. 12 shoats 50 to 75 pounds Farming implements, 2 wagons one 3 inch tread, with bed, one 2 1-2 inch tread, 1 pair new hay carriages, 1 Osborne binder good as new, 1 Osborne mower good as new, good horse rake, corn planter Hench & Dromgold riding corn plow, land roller, 2 spring harrows, 1 wood frame and 1 steel lever, single and double shovel plow, 1 hay fork, rope and pulleys, 1 good winnowing mill, 2 sets front gears, 1 pair check lines lot of collars and bridles single, double and tripple trees, lot of household goods and articles not mentioned.

Sale to commence at 11 o'clock a. m. sharp when terms will be made known by DAVID TIPTON

G. R. Thompson auct.

SHERIFF'S SALE

In Pursuance of a Writ of FIERI FACIAS, issuing out of the Court of Common Pleas of Adams County, and to me directed, will be exposed to Public Sale on the 9th day of January, 1909, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon at the Court-house, in the Borough of Gettysburg, Adams County, Penna., the following Personal Property, real estate, viz: A house and lot situated on the north side of West High street in the Borough of Gettysburg, Adams County, Penna., fronting 30 feet and running back to a public alley 180 feet, adjoining lot of Ella Stevens on the west and lot of John Warner on the east, improved with a large two-story weather boarded dwelling with conveniences, containing 10 rooms, with back and out-buildings, well of water and fruit trees.

Seized and taken into execution as the property of Maria Giutling and to be sold by me.

Geo. L. Colestock, Sheriff.

10 per cent of the purchase money on all sales by the sheriff must be paid over immediately after the property is struck down or upon failure to comply here with the property will be put up again for sale.

Sheriff's Office, Gettysburg, Pa., December 17 1908.

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Letters of Interesting News From Adams County Towns

Personals and Items of News Interest from Various Towns in the County. What the People in the Different Sections are Doing. Entertaining Visitors. Services in the County Churches

FAIRFIELD

Fairfield Jan. 1 Mrs. H. L. Walter and Pauline Don are on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Stansbury, of near Emmitsburg, were recent visitors to the home of their daughter, Mrs Frank Moore.

Messrs. Ira Walter and Mervin Weikert are spending the holidays visiting friends and relatives in Lancaster, Millersville, New Holland, Philadelphia and Harrisburg.

Misses Lucy Bowling and Effa M. Stoner were in Emmitsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Keller, of Chambersburg, are the guests of Mrs. Ames Stoner.

Mr. Horvey White, of Pittsburgh, and formerly a resident of Fairfield, is very ill from an operation performed some time ago.

Mr. D. R. Marshall was married on December 10th, at York. The bride was a Baltimore lady.

Mr. James Neely lost his fine driving horse by death last week.

Mrs. Barvey Sanders and daughter, Miss Hallie, of Chambersburg are visiting at Fairfield.

Miss Amy Sanders, who was sick, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Seabrooks and daughter, Elizabeth, visited Mr. and Mrs. Martin Baker.

Mr. George F. Sites and Miss Margaret Sites were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Diehl, of Cashtown.

BRYSONIA

Brysonia Jan. 1—George H. Knouse is in Gettysburg on business today.

Adam Lupp gave a dinner to quite a number of his relatives Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Knouse spent Christmas with Mrs. Knouse's sisters, Mrs. Ed. Bush and Mrs. Merve Beamer at Sparrow's Point.

John Crum is home from Millersville Normal School.

Myron Morrison, of Bendersville, is spending a few weeks with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Taylor.

Charles Knouse has gone to Harrisburg to see about his artificial foot.

Arthur Taylor was successful in killing a large grey fox in the Bear Mountain on Christmas day.

Roy Knouse, who is teaching at Abbottstown, is spending his vacation at his home near this place.

Ralph Knouse and family, of Hanover, is at the home of his father, I. D. Knouse for a few days.

SILVER RUN

Silver Run Jan. 1—George Bowersox, a student at Gettysburg College is home for the holidays.

Harry Rumbenstlue, wife and three children and Carroll Erb, of Hanover, spent a few days at the home of C. H. Knipple.

Irving Burgoon and wife, of Gettysburg, have returned home after a few days visit to the latter's father, Wm. J. Brown.

Miss Rosa Knipple, a student at Irving College, Mechanicsburg, is home for the holiday vacation.

John D. Feeser is very ill at this writing.

Miss Elva Bemiller, who is attending Westminster high school, is spending a few weeks at her home here.

Miss Ario Knipple, of Westminster, is visiting friends in this place.

Week of prayer will be observed in our churches during the first week of the New Year—Tuesday and Wednesday night at the Lutheran Church, and Thursday and Friday night in the Reformed Church.

ORRTANNA ROUTE 2

Orrtanna Route 2 Jan. 1 Mr. and Mrs. George Irvin and Mrs. Irvin's father, Mr. Henry Kimple, have gone to spend the holidays at Cumberland, Md.

Miss Sallie Staley spent Christmas at the home of Edward Schultz.

James O'Brien, of Harrisburg, is spending the holidays with his father, Mr. Levi O'Brien.

Irvin Diehl, of Baltimore, is spending the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. James Diehl.

Ronald Mickley, of Harrisburg, is visiting his sister, Mrs John Starner, of Orrtanna.

LeRoy Cole spent Christmas at the home of Samuel Keyser.

Quite a number of patrons remembered the carrier at Christmas. Samuel Keyser asked the carrier in and treated to ice cream and cake which brightened Christmas day very much. All was quiet and peaceful along the route. The day before Christmas Carrier Spence had 25 large packages, 260 cards, 175 letters, 88 circulars, 548 pieces in all.

Those who remembered the carrier on butcher day were James Shepard, E. Strasbaugh, John Dillon.

Levi Minter presented the carrier with apples. Many thanks to all.

Misses Flora and Grace Beard, of Gettysburg, and Miss Ruth Chamberlain, of Chicago, Ill., spent Sunday at the home of W. L. Biesecker.

Mr. and Mrs Charles Rogers and children, of Waynesboro, visited at the home of John A. Cease.

H. L. Spence, of route 1, spent Christmas as the guest of his son, Jerrie Spence, of Waynesboro.

Harry Cluck, of Mont Alto was an Orrtanna visitor recently.

Miss Catherine Kugler, of Fairfield, visited relatives near Orrtanna recently.

Mrs. Laure Heotzleman and children, Everett, Clarence, Elizabeth and Carrie spent part of Christmas at the home of her sister, Mrs. Emma Spence.

Edward Anzengrover and Charles Robinson, of Gettysburg, are the guests of their grandfather, John Goodermuth.

Rev. Mr. Marks of Biglerville, took dinner with E. F. Strausbaugh, on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Cease, of route 1, visited friends in Hanover recently.

TWO TAVERNS

Two Taverns Jan. 1—C. A. Yoost has purchased a new upright piano.

D. S. Lane recently killed four hogs weighing respectively 421 1-2, 367, 309 and 296 lbs. total 1393 1-2.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Collins, of McSherrystown, and Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Breighner and family, of Frogtown, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. John A. Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Collins, of Gettysburg, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Collins.

A family reunion was held on Sunday, Dec. 27, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sentz, in honor of Mrs Sentz's 65th birthday. This couple were married Feb. 9th 1862 by Rev. Mr. Martin, of Westminster, Md. and this union was blessed with eleven children of which seven are living namely, Samuel H., of Hanover; Nathaniel, Mrs. Annie Wolf, Augustus S., Arthur C., Luther A., and Mrs. John J. Miller, of Bonneauville. Mr. Sentz has been keeping toll-gate for the period of 32 years and enjoys the good will and respect of a host of friends and neighbors. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sentz and the following children: Samuel H. Sentz, of Hanover; Mrs. Annie Wolf, Aug. S. Sentz, Arthur Sentz, Luther A. Sentz, all of Two Taverns and Mrs. John J. Miller of Bonneauville, and the following grandchildren, Harry Wolf, Charles Wolf, Mrs. LeRoy Wickey, Roy Miller, Clair Sentz, Myrtle Sentz, George Miller, Cyril Miller, Theron Sentz, Paul Miller, Ralph Miller, Paul, Ivan and Carvin Sentz, and Richard Sentz. Misses Ella Rider, Emma Mehring and Messrs. LeRoy Wickey, John Miller were also present. One son and three grandchildren were unable to be present.

Frank Hoover is suffering from a severe cold.

The George Patterson Cigar Company has gone out of business.

Miss Blanche Keller and Mr. Eugene Keller, of Hanover, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Yoost.

BENDERSVILLE

Bendersville January 1 Mr. and Mrs. Dyson Delap, of Lakewood, N. J., are spending the holidays at the home of P. D. Delap.

Masters Charles and Edgar Bowers, of Mt. Holly Springs are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McKinney.

Miss Eva Rice, of Millersville Normal, Miss Ethel Baugher, of Shippensburg Normal, Miss Eva Cook, and John Wilson, of West Chester Normal, are spending their vacation at their respective homes.

Charles Haines, of Columbia, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. George Hoover.

Miss Mabel Gochnaur spent last week with friends in Harrisburg.

Denton Bream, of Pennsylvania Business College, Lancaster, and Charles Bream, of Philadelphia, spent Christmas at the home of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Bream.

Mervin Eppleman, of Harrisburg, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Eppleman.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Kelsey and two children, of Steelton, spent last week at the home of Mrs. P. M. Morrison.

Chester and Donald Taylor, of Harrisburg, are visiting their grandmother, Mrs Olive Cashman.

Mr. and Mrs. William Yeatts spent Friday with friends in York.

Mrs. Mary Johnson, of Boiling Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yingling and children, of Harrisburg, recently visited Mr. and Mrs. William P. Becker.

Clarence McCauslin, of Harrisburg, is spending two weeks with his parents near town.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Taylor and son, Richard, spent several days last week with relatives in Lancaster county.

Rev. S. L. Diehl will conduct a week of prayer in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church beginning Jan. 4th.

Nelson Baugher, of Perkiomen Seminary, is spending his vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Baugher.

Mrs. David Hewitt, of Harrisburg, visited friends in town this week.

The fair conducted by the P. O. S. of A. band in the Odd Fellows hall this week has been well attended. Visiting bands or an orchestra are present each evening.

Paul Lodgsdorf and Miss Annie Michener, of Philadelphia are guests at the home of Hon. and Mrs. C. L. Longsdorf.

BONNEAUVILLE

Bonneauville Jan. 1—Mary Miller and Annie Gebhart were visiting Miss Mame McSherry, of Littlestown, a few days.

Mr. E. L. Goulden and family paid a short visit to the home of the former's brother, William Goulden, of Lester.

Miss Jennie Collins is visiting among friends at Littlestown.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gebhort is suffering with a large abscess on the neck. Mrs. Gebhort is also suffering with a sore finger.

Frank Sheets and family made a business trip to Hanover.

The Bonneauville chair factory has reopened and will have employment for at least a few days.

Mrs. Fahian Staub is reported as being on the sick list.

Curtis Weaver and family, of Hanover, were visiting Mrs. McMaster, of this place, over Sunday.

Henry Marshall and family, of Hanover, were visiting Sylvester Rickrode of this place.

MT. PLEASANT.

George Kale, of Union Township, Adams County, near Mt. Pleasant, who is 77 years of age has been the victim of several attacks of vertigo. On account of his advanced age, his recovery is slow, though his condition is somewhat improved.

Charles W. Hershey, of the same locality, has been suffering from neuralgia since Dec. 22nd. Mr. Hershey was unable to lie in bed and had to rest on a rocking chair for several days and nights. He is now so far improved as to be able to go out of doors, but was unable to take part in the Christmas exercises of the Mt. Pleasant Sunday-school, being a violinist in the orchestra.

Mr. John Walters and family, of Biglerville, spent Christmas with A. T. Myers and family, of route 5.

NEW OXFORD

New Oxford Jan. 1 William Rebert, of Wilmington, Delaware, was visiting his father, Charles Rebert, last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kehm spent Christmas with friends in Philadelphia.

Dr. B. Z. Cashman, of John Hopkins University, and Arthur Cashman, of Philadelphia, are spending the holidays at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. H. Cashman Dr. Charles Bender, of Germantown, was also visiting for a few days at the Cashman home.

Mr. C. A. Wiest, of Chambersburg, spent the past few days with his mother, Mrs. Sarah Wiest, of this place.

B. Frank Glise, of Tyrone township, was calling on his many friends here Monday.

I. W. Livingstone, proprietor of the West End parlor theatre, will conduct a branch at York Springs. He will give the first show this Wednesday evening.

Mr. William Kohler assumes control of the J. S. Weaver Coal and Lumber business on New Year's Day. Mr. Weaver has bought the warehouse of Hanover Produce Company in this place and will conduct the business.

Mervin Gable who, for some time, was employed in John Millor's grocery store has purchased a grocery store in Carlisle and moved there with his family on Monday. His many friends in New Oxford wish him success.

J. W. Barnitz has purchased the old Barnitz homestead on Hanover street Terms private. He intends to tear down the present building about March first and will erect on the lot a fine dwelling with all modern improvements.

WENKSVILLE

Wenksville Jan. 1—Sunday school will be held in the Lutheran church Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock, preaching services at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Henry Taylor killed a hog last Tuesday weighing 623 pounds and Joseph Taylor one weighing 529 pounds.

Miss Ollie Beamer of Harrisburg, is spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Beamer.

Mr. Samuel Orner, of Bendersville, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Orner.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gochenaur and daughter, Carrie, visited Mr. Gochenour's parents, of Rock Chapel, on Christmas.

Mrs. Henry Taylor visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Showers on Sunday.

Miss Lillie Black visited her friend, Miss Hermie Wenk, on Sunday.

Mrs. Rose Andres and daughter, Leoda, of near Gettysburg, visited friends in this vicinity recently.

Miss Blanche Wenk, of Oil City, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Wenk.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cooley visited Mrs. Cooley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leander Rice, of West Point, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith and son, Charles, spent Sunday with Willis Epplemao and family, of Aspers Station.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Orner and sons, Paul and Cletus, visited Mr. Charles Yeatts and family, of Gardners Station on Tuesday.

Miss Myrtle Myers, of Aspers, is spending a few weeks with friends in this vicinity.

Messrs Joseph and Oscar Beamer went to Rising Sun, Md., on Saturday where they have secured employment.

Those calling at H. O. Black's on Monday were Rev. and Mrs. William E. Ruth, Mrs. John Sheaffer, Reuben Little, and Daley Sheaffer.

Mr. Amos Orner and son, Edgar, visited friends at Bendersville recently.

Mr. Samuel G. Warren and Miss Alice Kuhn were married at the M. E. parsonage at York Springs on Dec. 24, by Rev. W. E. Ruth. Their many friends wish them a long happy life together.

The meetings in the M. E. Church are still in progress with 4 converts and 4 at the altar.

The Christmas entertainment at Table Rock School Thursday afternoon was very good. It was largely attended.

ARENDTSVILLE

Arendtsville Jan. 1- Mrs. Alice Schlosser was the recipient of many useful presents from her neighbors and friends on Christmas day for which she wishes to extend her sincere thanks.

Miss Alice Sheely, of Philadelphia, who spent a few weeks here has returned. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. John Lupp, who will spend the Winter there.

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Sheely and child and Lloyd Warren, of Harrisburg, spent several days here recently.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Kadle, of Roanoke, Va., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John N. Boyer, Mrs. Kadel's parents.

Francis C. Knouse, of Bethlehem, is home for a few days with his father, David Knouse.

Leo O. Carbaugh, who is attending the F. and M. Academy at Lancaster spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Carbaugh.

Miss Ruth Koser, who is attending Irving College, at Mechanicsburg, is home for the holidays with her parents Rev. and Mrs. D. T. Koser.

Miss Grace M. Boyer who is teaching at Charlotte, N. C., is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John N. Boyer.

Clyde A. Lady, who is a student at the West Chester Normal School, is a holiday visitor with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram C. Lady.

Ray H. Minter, who is attending the Business College at Lancaster is spending a few days home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Minter.

The records of the post office in this place show that the mail handled during the four days previous to Christmas was the largest ever handled here during the Christmas season.

The Sunday School Christmas entertainments held here in the two churches were largely attended. The churches were tastefully decorated, appropriately for the occasion. The programs were well rendered. The scholars each got an orange and a pack of candy.

The Mountain Valley Band, of this place, will hold their annual banquet in the Town Hall on Friday evening January 1, 1909.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Orner, of East Berlin, are spending several days at the home of P. S. Orner.

Miss Grace Heagy and William Moose, of Arendtsville, spent Christmas with Miss Heagy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Heagy, of Gettysburg.

BUCHANAN VALLEY

Buchanan Valley, Jan. 1—Mr. and Mrs. George Irwin and Mr. Henry Kimple, who had gone to Maryland and Virginia on a visit to relatives, were telegraphed for no account of the death of their aunt, Mrs. Mary A. Young on Saturday, and they returned to attend the funeral on Tuesday.

Christmas passed quietly and pleasantly in the Valley. There were three masses in St. Ignatius' Church at 5, 6, and 10 a. m. The altars were decorated with laurel and spruce and the effect was fine. Rev. Father Milner officiated at the masses.

William Dillon has secured work at the Sanatorium as a carpenter.

Mrs. Hugh McDermitt has gone to Altoona for a month.

Hon. James C. Cole has returned from Altoona where he spent Christmas with his sister Mrs. George Tate.

The weather i dne for the last days of the year 1908.

John Kuhn, of Philadelphia, spent Christmas with his parents and friends in Adams County.

James McDermitt and George Knouse spent Christmas with their friends in the Valley.

Miss Jane McDermitt was home from Chambersburg over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. David Sneeringer are spending a week with their aunt, Mrs. Mary Cole, of the "Narrows."

Charles Woodward was home from Waynesboro over Christmas. Charles has a position in one of the shops, and is a very efficient hand.

MAKING TRAMPS WORK

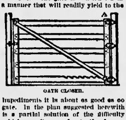
Carlisle—A. Albright, the able steward of the County Home, has put to work several of the tramps who are quartered in that institution for the winter. At present there are 16 knights of the road in the tramp ward, and several of these were put to labor on the wood pile and doing other work on the farm. Some of the tramps are said to be very willing to work.

Farm and Garden

GATE FOR THE SNOWDRIFT.

Simple Plan For Open Way In and Out.

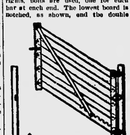
There is no snow cleaning in the country. The farmer breaks his way through the drifts with difficulty. There is more play for the winds in the country than there is in the city, and when the snow accompanies the wind the drifts impede travel and clog the ways about the farm. The gateway must be kept clear because that is the way in as well as the way out. Unless the gate is constructed in a manner that will readily yield to the



GATE CLOSED.

impediments it is about as good as no gate. In the plan suggested herewith is a partial solution of the difficulty which so often confronts the farmer at this season of the year. Two cuts are pictured. They show a gate which can be readily adjusted in case of snowdrifts.

It is easily made from ordinary lumber. A 1 by 6 upright is used for the two lower boards, 1 by 4 for the upper ones. The uprights at the hinge post are double 1 by 4, one piece outside and the other inside the bars. The upright at the latch side may be the same weight of stuff or slightly lighter and fastened in the same way. Instead of nailing the bars to these uprights, bolts are used, one for each bar at each end. The lowest board is notched, as shown, and the double



GATE OPEN.

brace used from the top of the latch post to the bottom of the hinge post. For the braces 1 by 3 stuff is strong enough. These may be held in place at the top by a single bolt. They are joined near the bottom with a bolt which engages with the notches when the gate is raised, as shown in the cut.

Tuberculosis In Animals.

The international congress on tuberculosis which recently met in Washington, as a whole, dealt especially with human tuberculosis, but considerable attention was directed to tuberculosis in domestic animals and notably to questions dealing with the milk and meat supply and with the inspection of these products. One of the seven sections into which the congress was divided devoted itself especially to these topics, and the general addresses before the congress, as a whole, included a lecture by Professor Barnard Bong of Copenhagen on "Studies In Tuberculosis In Domestic Animals and What We May Learn Regarding Human Tuberculosis." An extended discussion followed the reaffirmation by Professor Dr. Robert Koch of Berlin of his theory as to the nonidentity and nontransmissibility of human and bovine tuberculosis, after which a resolution was unanimously adopted recommending "that preventive measures be continued against bovine tuberculosis and that the possibility of the propagation of this to man be recognized."

The very extensive exhibits from the various countries in America and Europe attracted much attention and presented a vast amount of illustrative material of rare educational value. Phases dealing especially with the prevention and treatment of the disease in its early stages predominated, there being a great variety of models of sanitoria and special appliances.

James J. Hill's Idea of a Farm.

There will be much discussion of farming for the next few months from many angles, one among them being the most useful size of farms. We do not wish to be one sided and shall always state fairly the large farm or combination arguments, but it seems to us that farming in this respect is the exception among businesses. Economy in the cost of supervision is the only reason for the expansion of the unit in any business, and land is more productive under the small farm system. Even if larger farm units are possible they are not desirable. We do not want the European regime of an overlord with tenant farmers. We want the greatest number of independent little farmers, who hardly need even one farm hand. James J. Hill has more sense than nearly all of the professors, and he delivered an opinion two years ago to the effect that the individual farmer must have fewer acres and more hoes.

FAMINE ADDS TO HORROR

Rushing Supplies to Quake Victims.

MESSINA WIPED OUT

Fully 70,000 Perished In That City Alone.

REGGIO A HEAP OF RUINS

King and Queen Explore Wreckage Regardless of Danger.

Rome, Jan. 1.—The Vita states that a wireless message from the Strait of Messina reports that the Lipari Islands, a group of volcanic islands in the Mediterranean, near the coast of Sicily, has disappeared. The total population of the group numbers 28,000, and must inevitably have perished.

The minister of marine has rushed a torpedoboat to ascertain the facts.

The horror of the earthquake at Messina and Reggio grows with every fresh dispatch. One of the correspondents places the death roll throughout the entire territory as high as 300,000, but this appears to be extreme. Others make their outside estimate 200,000, but the official estimate as made by the minister of marine still holds to 115,000.

Every channel open to the government has been utilized to send relief to the stricken people, and other nations have been quick to come to its assistance, even before the cry for aid went up.

Most important of all now is the question of the living. Thousands of those who escaped the falling walls and the sweep of the tidal wave are starving and without clothes or shelter. They can scarcely long survive their sufferings.

Lloyd C. Griscom, the American ambassador, left here and will proceed to Messina and other places in the south on an Italian warship in search of information concerning missing American travelers. It has been found impossible to obtain tidings of the hundreds of foreigners supposed to have been in the earthquake zone.

The Calabrian coast for thirty miles has been torn and twisted. From Bagnara to Reggio, a distance of twenty-five miles the country is half demolished. Assistance has reached but few of the villages, and they are practically without supplies of any kind. At Bagnara surgical operations are being performed with pruning knives, but at Reggio even that is impossible. Bands of thieves infest the country, and the despair of the unaided villages is complete. Hunger supplies the motive for scenes of shocking violence, and pillagers and robbers defy the few surviving policemen and soldiers.

The forces that overwhelmed the cities also destroyed the means of subsistence. Telegraphic communication has been established with Messina, the apparatus having been installed in a railway van. Messages which have come over the line, though they have been meager in detail, show that hope is gone. Nothing remains of the city but a mass of ruins that have been swept by fire. A mere handful of survivors are being cared for by the rescuing parties, but their distress is great, and it has been increased by the violent icy wind that followed the deluge of rain. Destitution is everywhere and appalling. There is little food and less water. Of Messina's 90,000 population it is believed that fully 70,000 perished. Forty thousand people died in Reggio.

Looters Shot Down.

The latest news from Messina sets forth that some progress is being made in the work of succoring the wounded survivors, but no attempt is being made to remove the wreckage. The troops and sailors have been obliged to shoot down robbers who persisted in looting.

The entire local treasury of the Messina branch of the Bank of Italy, some $2,000,000, has been saved and is on board an Italian warship.

Dispatches from Catania describe Messina as appearing like a huge incandescent furnace. The fire spread to the buildings that had not yet fallen, completing the work of destruction. The Strait of Messina is now choked with corpses of men and animals. At the present time there are twelve warships at Messina, four Italian, four British and four Russian, as well as a number of destroyers and steamers, the latter belonging to the Italian General Navigation company. The injured are being carried aboard the steamers and will be removed to Naples.

The relief work now is well begun, but hundreds of persons are wandering about the ruins like madmen. They are being given food and clothing as fast as it is possible.

News reaching Catanzaro from the outlying districts in Calabria indicates that thirty-five towns and villages have been wiped out, with the number of dead in that district alone exceeding 30,000. The few survivors are mad with terror and have fled to the forested mountain slopes, where they are subsisting on roots and the bark of trees.

King Explored Ruins.

King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena were in Messina. The king explored the ruins regardless of the danger to which he exposed himself. He was often moved to tears at the heartrending scenes he came upon at every turn. The king was loud in his praise of the splendid work accomplished by the Italian, Russian and English bluejackets, who saved many persons who otherwise would have inevitably perished. The queen spent the day in the wards of the improvised hospitals visiting the wounded, many of whom have lost all that was dear to them. Her majesty did her best to cheer them with womanly words of consolation, often breaking into sobs as she listened to their dreadful tales of suffering. The king left for Reggio.

A dispatch from Palermo says that a torpedoboat which went to the aid of the sufferers at Reggio has returned, being unable to locate the site of the city and reporting that nothing remained by a heap of tangled ruins.

At the ministry of marine word has been received that frightful looting and pillaging occurred at Reggio. This place, already overwhelmed, will have few survivors, as it has been impossible for the relief expedition to reach it.

Bagnara, a town of 10,000 inhabitants north of Reggio, was completely wiped out and all the people are dead.

Seminara, another Calabrian town of 4000 people, was also wholly destroyed.

A HORRIBLE SPECTACLE

Wounded and Starving Survivors Leaving Scene of Disaster.

Palermo, Jan. 1. — The stream of refugees from Reggio continues to pour in. The steamer Umberto has arrived here with 400 persons, ninety-five of whom are wounded. The roads between Palermo and Messina are filled with long, sad processions of wounded refugees, painfully making their way to the westward. They all say they think they are the only survivors.

The walls of several of the principal buildings of Messina are still standing, but they are so weakened that they will have to be demolished as soon as possible to prevent fatalities among the rescuers. Every day this undermined masonry comes crashing down.

ANARCHY AT REGGIO

Ruffians Shot Down By Soldiers In Pitched Battle.

Reggio, via Catania, Jan. 1.—A state of most frightful anarchy prevails. Mobs of ruffians roam among the ruins, giving full vent to their vilest instincts. They are pillaging the wrecked jewelry stores and banks and do not hesitate to shed the blood of those opposing them. A few soldiers who escaped unhurt have been impelled by an admirable spirit of discipline to organize patrols on their own initiative. They are endeavoring to protect the property left intact, but the criminals fight against them tooth and nail.

It was only after a pitched battle, in which several were shot and killed, that a semblance of order was restored. All entrances to the city, or what is left of it, are now guarded by soldiers. Many of the survivors are lying exposed to the four winds of heaven. The relief parties, of which several are here now, are unable to cope with the distress. The cries of the injured are piteous.

Five of Pierce Family Dead.

Naples, Jan. 1.—The Russian battleship Slava arrived here from Messina with 500 persons grievously injured. The steamer Semito, which was anchored outside of Messina at the time of the catastrophe, also arrived here with 400 injured, of whom 100 are soldiers of the garrison.

Miss Peirce, sister of Joseph H. Peirce, the former American vice consul at Messina, stated that so far as known only five of her family were killed. The fate of the others is uncertain, and she entertains hope that her brother is still alive.

CELTIC SAILS FOR MESSINA

U. S. Navy Sends $150,000 Worth of Provisions to Earthquake Victims.

New York, Jan. 1. — The United States supply ship Celtic, which was to have met the returning battleship fleet with holiday cheer, sailed out of New York harbor on an entirely different mission, but without changing a single item of her cargo. She will go to Messina to give a million and a half of navy rations to the earthquake sufferers.

The navy department takes full responsibility for this sudden gift of supplies belonging to the United States government to the Italians without warrant of law. It probably relies upon congress to approve of its action.

The Celtic has in her cargo $150,000 worth of provisions, sufficient food for 50,000 people for one month; $32,000 worth of clothing, tents enough to accommodate 1000 persons and a large quantity of medical and surgical supplies.

BURTON WILL BE OHIO'S SENATOR

Charles P. Taft Retires From the Race.

FORAKER ALSO DROPS OUT

This Marks the Passing From Public Life of Mr. Foraker, Who Was One of the Most Notable Leaders of the Senate—Burton's Election Will Come on Tuesday, Jan. 12.

Columbus, O., Jan. 1.—Every vestige of opposition to his nomination having disappeared, Representative Theodore E. Burton, of Cleveland, a prominent figure in the lower branch of congress for the past twenty years, will be named by acclamation for the United States senate as successor to Joseph B. Foraker.

Following a conference, C. P. Taft, of Cincinnati, brother of the president-elect, formally announced his withdrawal from the race in the interest of harmony. Then came the deluge. Senator Foraker, learning that the delegation from his home county of Hamilton, pledged to Taft, would be turned over to Burton, admitted for the first time since the attacks were made upon him during the presidential campaign that he could no longer hope for a re-election.

Mr. Burton's election will come on Tuesday, Jan. 12. He will serve out his congressional term, ending March 4. As he was re-elected last fall, a special election will be called in Cleveland soon after March 4 to determine his successor in the house of representatives.

This floodtide of developments marked the passing from public life of one of the most notable of the old leaders of the senate—Joseph Benson Foraker. Friends of the senator declared the belief that he would so rehabilitate himself during the next two years as to be a formidable candidate for Senator Dick's place in 1911, but others among the state leaders were inclined to interpret Senator Foraker's statement of withdrawal in the nature of a valedictory.

WILL BUILD GIANT AERIAL WARSHIP

To be 700 Feet Long and Carry Full Complement of Guns.

New York, Jan. 1.—An aerial warship, 700 feet in length, with accommodations for 100 passengers, food and fuel enough for a voyage across the ocean, and a full complement of guns is to be built immediately at the Nixon yards, according to Lewis Nixon, the designer and constructor of many warships. Mr. Nixon said that the giant air craft will cost more than $1,000,000. The order was given by interests expecting shortly to be incorporated as the Aerial Navigation Company of America, with a capital of $50,000,000 and it is said Thurlow Weed Barnes will be the president. The ship about to be constructed will have a gas envelope of silk, encased in one of aluminum. Mr. Nixon declared he was positive the ship will be a perfect success.

BRIBER GETS FOUR YEARS

San Francisco Contractor Given Heavy Sentence.

San Francisco, Jan. 1. — E. A. S. Blake, the contractor convicted of attempting to bribe J. M. Kelly, a prospective juror in the Ruef bribery trial to vote for acquittal, was sentenced by Judge Dunne to four years imprisonment in the penitentiary at San Quentin.

Bitten Cows Ran Mad.

West Chester, Pa., Jan. 1.—Symptoms of hydrophobia have been discovered in a large herd of cattle at Glen Mills, and two of the animals have been killed. It is believed that the animals were bitten some time ago in the pasture by a rabid dog.

Killed His Profane Brother.

Muskogee, Okla., Jan. 1—Lee Marshbanks, who has always seemed deeply religious, shot and killed his brother John at their home, near Catoosa, Okla., because John used profanity while in the house.

Nineteen Killed By Cold In Paris.

Paris, Jan. 1.—Winter has Paris in its grip. The streets are blocked by snow and the cold remains intense. Nineteen deaths have been caused by congestion due to the severity of the weather.

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CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS.

Saturday, December 26.

Notice was issued that the Buck Ridge colliery at Shamokin, Pa., operated by Irish Bros., would resume operations Jan. 4.

Thomas Jackson, a young farmer of Bath county, Ky., shot and fatally wounded his father, Henry Jackson, during a quarrel.

Herman Wedo, sixteen years old, and Lyla Miesner, fourteen years old, were drowned in Stono lake, at Cassopolis, Mich., by breaking through the ice while skating.

In a collision between an automobile and a trolley car in New York, George C. Hurlburt, the aged librarian of the American Geographical society, and his daughter were fatally injured.

Monday, December 28.

Sixteen West Point cadets have been dismissed for deficiencies in discipline and mathematics.

While skating at Jewett City, Conn., Robert Teffrey and Hector Oingras, boys, were drowned.

John Kusoloris, a well known musician and all-around athlete, was fatally burned by a gas explosion at Maplehill colliery, near Shenandoah, Pa.

Claus Spreckels, one of the foremost German-American citizens of the United States and known as the sugar king of the Pacific coast, died of pneumonia at San Francisco.

Harry Erwin died at Locust Gap, Pa., from injuries received by being flung under a train Christmas eve, when he was in a hurry to reach Ashland to see his mother before she died.

Tuesday, December 29.

The annual encampment of the G. A. R. will be held at Salt Lake City from Aug. 9 to 13.

Judge Hart, at Nashville, Tenn., has refused bail to Colonel Cooper, Robin Cooper and John D. Sharp, charged with the murder of Senator Carmack.

Out of work and heart broken over the loss of a six-months-old boy, who died two weeks ago, Louis Lotz shot and killed himself in his home in Philadelphia.

Dr. W. G. Weaver, for thirty years a member of the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., board of health, and one of the best known physicians in northeastern Pennsylvania, died of abdominal troubles.

Wednesday, December 30.

Fire destroyed the sawmill plant and basket factory of the Lovelace Lumber company at Brewton, Ala., entailing a loss of $200,000.

Three trainmen were killed and one was seriously injured in a head-on collision between two freight trains on the Big Four railroad at Knightstown, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Neslsin, of Cleveland, O., were found dead from gas poisoning in their room in the home of the husband's stepbrother, Peter Patownke, in Brooklyn.

Steel has arrived and work begun on the new 20,000-ton battleship Florida at the Brooklyn navy yard, and there is talk of laying the keel on March 4, as a mark of honor to the inauguration of Mr. Taft.

Thursday, December 31.

The treasury purchased 75,000 ounces of silver for delivery at New Orleans and 50,000 ounces for delivery at Denver, at $0.478 per fine ounce.

A. W. Trontman, an employe of a Kansas City produce company, committed suicide after confessing he had embezzled $720 of the firm's money.

Professor Benjamin Franklin Clarke, professor emeritus of mechanical engineering at Brown university, died at Providence, R. I., aged seventy-seven years.

In a coasting accident which took place in Upland, near Chester, Pa., John Morris, aged twelve years, received injuries which will probably terminate fatally.

Friday, January 1.

Rev. W. Robson Notman, pastor of the Fourth Congregational church, of Chicago, who accepted a call to Glen Ridge, N. J., died of asthma in Bermuda, where he had gone for his health.

The United States produced $90,435,700 worth of gold and $37,299,700 worth of silver in 1907, according to statements obtained from mints, assay offices, smelting establishments and the producing mines.

Major Isaac Walker Maclay, who was present at the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, and who helped to carry the wounded president to the Peterson house and later ran for Dr. Todd, died in Yonkers, N. Y., aged sixty-seven years.

PRODUCE QUOTATIONS.

The Latest Closing Prices For Produce and Live Stock.

PHILADELPHIA—FLOUR steady; winter extras, new, $3.75@3.90; winter clear, $4 @ 4.25; city mills, fancy, $5.85@6.

RYE FLOUR quiet; per barrel, $4.10 @4.15.

WHEAT dull; No. 2 red, western $1.04@1.04½.

CORN weak; No. 2 yellow, local, 65½@66c.

OATS steady; No. 2 white, clipped, 56½c.; lower grades, 54c.

HAY steady; timothy, large bales, $15 per ton.

POULTRY—Live firm; hens, 13@14c.; old roosters, 10c. Dressed firm; choice fowls, 14½c.; old roosters, 10c.

BUTTER steady; extra creamery, 34c.

EGGS steady; selected, $7 @ $9c.; nearby, 33c.; western, 33c.

POTATOES steady, at 83@85c. per bushel. Sweet Potatoes steady, at 40@50c. per basket.

Live Stock Markets.

PITTSBURG (Union Stock Yards)—CATTLE steady; choice, $6.50@6.75; prime, $6.20@6.40.

SHEEP steady; lambs lower; prime wethers, $4.50@4.75; culls and common, $2@2.50; lambs, $5@7.75; veal calves, $9@9.50.

HOGS active; prime heavies, $6.20 @6.25; mediums, $6@6.10; heavy Yorkers, $5.95@6; light Yorkers, $5.70 @5.80; pigs, $5.40@5.50; roughs, $4.50 @5.50.

WM. L. MATHUES DIES SUDDENLY

Former Penna. State Treasurer Succumbs to Pneumonia.

WORRIMENT CAUSED COLLAPSE

Mr. Mathues' Illness, It Is Believed, Was Superinduced By the Troubles Brought Upon Him By the Harrisburg Capitol Graft Cases and His Recent Sentence of Two Years' Imprisonment For Alleged Conspiracy.

William L. Mathues, former state treasurer of Pennsylvania, died suddenly at his home at Media, Pa., at the age of forty-six years. The cause of death was given by his physician as pneumonia, but it is generally believed that this illness was superinduced by Mr. Mathues' tribulations which were brought upon him by the Harrisburg capitol graft cases and his recent sentence of two years in the penitentiary for his part in the alleged conspiracy against the state.

For many years William L. Mathues was recognized as one of the political leaders of Pennsylvania, and his power in Delaware county politics was supreme until the expose of the capitol frauds by his successor as state treasurer, William H. Berry, also of Delaware county. It was then that Mr. Mathues threw off the mantle of Republican county chairman and retired "temporarily," as he stated, until he could be vindicated.

In March of the present year former State Treasurer Mathues, former Auditor General William P. Snyder, James M. Shumaker, former superintendent of public grounds and buildings, and John H. Sanderson, furniture contractor, were convicted of conspiracy in defrauding the state out of $19,308 in a contract for wooden furniture.

On Dec. 18 last Mathues, Snyder, Shumaker and Sanderson were summoned before Judge Kunkel at Harrisburg to receive sentence. Each was sentenced to pay "$500 fine and the costs of the prosecution and undergo imprisonment for two years at separate and solitary confinement in the eastern penitentiary." Pending an appeal to the superior court, the defendants were released on $25,000 bail each.

Mr. Mathues' collapse was due, it is stated, to a weakened heart. At Mr. Mathues' bedside at the time of his death was his wife and two of his sons, Samuel and Paul, and his physician. In an adjoining room his twelve-year-old son, the only child by his present wife, is lying at the point of death, with absolutely no hope of recovery.

Floor Gives Way; Many Injured.

The upper floor of Easton hall, a two-story frame building at Ellicott City, Md., about twelve miles west of Baltimore, collapsed during a magistrate's hearing being given William Hatwood, colored, charged with murderous assault. About 100 men and boys were carried down, and while no one was killed outright, thirty-six persons, including several of the most prominent citizens of the town, were more or less seriously injured. Among the worst sufferers is William Hall, a reporter for the Baltimore American, who had both legs and his jaw broken, besides sustaining other painful injuries. It is believed he will recover, but he will be badly disfigured for life.

The remaining injured sustained sprains, cuts and bruises and all the victims were severely shaken up.

The overcrowded condition of the room was the cause of the accident. There was no warning of the accident. With a crackling sound the floor suddenly gave way. The people in the room were thrown into a struggling mass to a cement floor twenty feet below. Those who were on the outskirts jumped through windows to the ground or clutched remaining uprights to support themselves.

Fake Prophet Disappears.

The end of the world did not come Sunday, as Lee J. Spangler, a local prophet, predicted it would, but the prophet himself disappeared. Spangler cautioned all "saints" at Nyack, N. Y., of his sect to be watchful, as Sunday surely would see the end of the world. Therefore a crowd of women followers dressed in white went to Oak Hill cemetery to await the event. The superintendent drove them out.

Scores of other adherents of Spengler climbed South mountain, where the prophet had promised to meet them, saying there together they would view the passing away of old Mother Earth; but as the hours passed and the predicted phenomenon did not materialize and Spengler himself did not appear, they plodded their way down the mountainside and dispersed in disgust.

Johnson Defeats Burns.

Jack Johnson, the big negro from Galveston, Tex., is the world's champion heavyweight pugilist. He won the title in the big arena at Rushcutters Bay, near Sydney, Australia, from Tommy Burns, the French-Canadian, who had held it since James J. Jeffries relinquished it and after a chase of Burns that had led half way round the world.

The end came in the fourteenth round, when the police, seeing Burns tottering and unable to defend himself from the savage blows of his opponent, mercifully stopped the fight. Previously it had been arranged that if the police interfered a decision should be rendered on points, and Referee McIntosh, without hesitation, declared the big black man the winner, for all through the fight he had shown himself Burns' master in every style of fighting.

Will Vanquish Hog Cholera.

As a result of perfecting a serum that is an antitoxine against hog cholera, the Missouri Agricultural college issued a statement guaranteeing the state legislature that with an appropriation of $45,000 a year it will save the farmers of Missouri from $1,000,000 to $5,000,000 annually.

The agricultural college announces unequivocally that it now is prepared to vanquish hog cholera.

The serum is drawn from what is known as a hyper-immunized hog, the fibrin being removed so as to prevent clotting. The serum is treated with small quantities of carbolic acid.

Abe Ruef Gets Fourteen Years.

Abraham Ruef, former political boss of San Francisco, was given fourteen years in the state penitentiary at San Quentin. Sentence was pronounced by Judge William P. Lawlor, who presided over Ruef's trial on the charge of bribing a member of the Schmitz board of supervisors in the award of an overhead trolley franchise to the United railroads. The trial ended in the conviction of Ruef on Dec. 10, after lasting many weeks.

Before adjournment of court notice of appeal was filed on behalf of the defendant and the court signed a writ of probable cause, which will act as a stay of execution in the case.

Was Trustee of a Penknife.

After he had been the trustee of a penknife for eighteen years, John Morgan, the overseer of Dr. Down's farm, near Cheswold, Del., fulfilled his trust and turned over to young Victor Durand a penknife which was left to the latter by his father when he died.

The knife has a special value in its family associations, and when Mr. Durand turned it over to Morgan he gave him instructions to act as trustee of it until his (Mr. Durand's) infant son would be eighteen years old.

Count Boni Loses Suit.

The petition of Count Boni de Castellane that the custody of his three sons should be given to his mother, the Marquise de Castellane, was denied. The French court ruled that the children remain in the custody of their mother, Princess de Sagan, formerly Miss Anna Gould, of New York.

The court ruled further that the children should not leave the continent without its permission.

Married a Chinaman.

Miss Ollie Patton, granddaughter of the late General W. S. Patton, a former Confederate officer and a past grand master of the Mississippi Masons, married a Chinaman at Meridian, Miss. The marriage violates the state law forbidding intermarriage between whites and persons of negro or Mongolian blood. Miss Patton is young and beautiful and an orphan.

Chinaman Starved With $15,000.

With a roll of $15,000 in his pockets, with which he intended to return to China, a Chinese died of starvation upon a Southern Pacific railway train at Los Angeles, Cal. He had denied himself sufficient food to keep alive in order to have as large a sum as possible when he got back to his native country.

Train Kills Three Boys.

Guy Adams, twelve years old; John Woods, twelve years old, and Luther Bowers, fourteen years old, were killed a short distance north of York, Pa., by a southbound passenger train on the Northern Central railroad. They were returning to their homes after a day of sport in skating.

Breaking Moose to Harness.

Henry Trudelt, of Mountain View, in the Adirondacks, near Utica, N. Y., has just procured in the Canadian northwest a trained moose. It is being broken to drive in harness, and the owner says the moose will outdistance the swiftest race horse.

Stricken Blind In Pulpit.

Rev. Wilbur L. Y. Davis was stricken blind while delivering a sermon in his pulpit at the High Street Methodist church at Springfield, O. Bursting a blood vessel was given as the cause. Chances for the recovery of his sight are thought to be remote.

Think Children Have Cattle Disease.

Ten cases of what is suspected to be the foot and mouth disease have developed in the children of five families in the town of Clarkson, Monroe county, N. Y., and one of the ten, an infant, has died.

Gave Foot to Save His Life.

Ben Caray, a quarryman, saved his life at the expense of his foot near Harrisburg, Pa. His foot caught in a frog, and when he saw a shifting engine approaching he threw himself to one side. The ankle was crushed, but the man will recover.

Next Capitol Trial April 5.

President Judge Kunkel, of the Dauphin county (Pa.) court, announced that Monday, April 5, would be the date upon which the next case growing out of the scandal surrounding the contracts for capitol furnishings will be tried.



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A WORTHY MOVE.

If the commission of eminent men appointed by President Roosevelt to make a study of the various aspects of farm life and conditions are able to set afoot reform movements which shall result in a realization of half the hopes which the president has in the matter it will be one of the most commendable achievements which will stand to his credit as a public man and constructive statesman. The commission, which includes in its membership men who are experts in the realms of sociology and agriculture in its broader aspects, have already begun their work, and reports are to the effect that they are receiving most encouraging and helpful letters from country people here and there who realize the needs of the time in rural communities and are willing to do all they can to co-operate in a movement which looks to a betterment of these conditions. Suggestions which have been made include an improvement of school facilities, a larger development of the social life through debating clubs and other gatherings, a putting of the church and religious life of rural communities on a more helpful basis, as well as other material and practical considerations having to do with a conservation of soil and forest resources and the more general introduction of labor saving devices on the farm and in the home. Covering the whole realm of farm life as it does, the campaign will be seen to be one of tremendous import and magnitude. While all that is hoped for will not be brought to pass, great good is bound to result. The work of the commissioners will be watched with deep interest by all who are vitally interested in our welfare as a people and nation.

HELP FOR THE POOR.

In view of the fact that an acre of land intensively and intelligently cultivated will furnish a living for a family of four or five people, it is strange that so many people will put up with garret and back alley accommodations in the large cities and remain at the point of starvation the greater part of the time. Perhaps no more sensible or wholesome movement has been put afoot in recent years looking to a betterment of the poorer classes in our large cities than that which has for its aim the placing of every such family in a home of their own on a tract of land sufficient to furnish a living if properly tended. Such a campaign extensively waged would mean the amelioration if not the regeneration of thousands of the city's poor economically, socially and morally. With a view to carrying out just such a plan as that outlined above, a quarter section farm near one of the larger cities in a central western state has been subdivided and will be sold in tracts for garden and orchard purposes. The tracts will not only provide places of residence, but will be large enough, if properly tilled, to furnish a living for the families residing on them. It is estimated that twenty-seven families can live in comfort on this quarter section.

WILD CLOVER FOR STOCK.

A western farmer who has had some experience with the legume speaks very highly of the feeding value of the wild sweet clover, which grows rather profusely in many unlikely places in certain sections of the central western states. This plant, like other members of the clover family, is rich in protein and at the same time converts the nitrogen of the air into plant food through the delicate processes of its root system. The farmer in question reports that his stock eat the sweet clover hay in preference to alfalfa, clover or timothy, and from six years' experience with it he has come to prize it as a most valuable feed. While the plant seems to be hardy and to get a foothold under most discouraging circumstances, he finds that if it is cut just as the plant is coming into bloom it is easily killed out, in which respect it is quite different from alfalfa.

TREES OF THE GOLDEN STATE.

Prospective tourists to California will be glad to know that as soon as the twenty-five mile highway is completed between Visalia and Redwood canyon, in the King's river country, there will be made accessible to sightseers a grove of over 15,000 magnificent specimens of the Sequoia gigantea, or giant redwood, many of which are said to compare favorably in size and beauty with the big trees of the Mariposa and Calaveras group. The large grove referred to has as yet not been touched by lumbermen, and it is hoped that in the near future congress will see fit to purchase the tract as a national park. One of the trees in the grove recently measured by a government ranger was 110 feet in circumference and is estimated to contain 600,000 feet of lumber.

The law will uphold one in trimming the overhanging limbs from trees growing just over the line on a neighbor's premises, but it does not give one the right to cut the trees down or girdle them so that they will die.

An interesting fact in connection with frog life is that if frogs are caught and put in boxes after they have sought their winter hiding places they will live for months without anything to eat, while if caught two or three weeks before the time mentioned they will starve to death.

The chief objection to be urged against the fall setting of fruit trees and shrubs seems to lie in the fact that when done at this time of year there is greater likelihood that the root system will tend to dry out and for this reason be less able to withstand extremely low temperatures during the winter months.

In the interior of Africa grows a tree from which a good quality of butter is produced. It resembles the American oak, and its fruit, from which the butter is derived, resembles the olive. One English traveler of note declared the butter produced from the tree was superior to any made in England from cow's milk.

Official statistics issued by the Japanese government report the rice crop for the year as an abundant one exceeding the production of last year by over 18 per cent. The present year's crop totals 272,[illegible] bushels and is valued at $[illegible]. This means prosperity and good times for the little brown man the coming year, as rice is his cereal mainstay.

One of nature's strange creations is the vegetable tallow tree, which grows near the Cape of Good Hope, in the Azores, as well as in Sumatra, Algeria and China. The tree is of small size, and it is from its berries that the oil is extracted from which the tallow is made. The berries are gathered in November and December after the trees have fallen.

The 250 egg hen is clearly a perversion of the purpose of Dame Nature who doubtless originally intended that old Biddy should lay just about enough eggs to perpetuate her kind. Yet this perverted standard is one that the enterprising poultryman may work toward if he will use the trap nest, select as breeders only those hens which make the best showing and use intelligence in the care and feed which he gives his flock.

A noteworthy fact which came under the notice of an Iowa farmer who recently traveled some 200 miles in Wisconsin was that he did not notice a single field of corn in his trip which had not been cut up for silage or dry fodder. This state of affairs is traceable to the fact that the price of Wisconsin lands is such that the owners cannot afford to follow a slipshod type of agriculture and to the further fact that a majority of the farmers of the state are dairymen and utilize the corn plant as a valuable ration for their milk cows.

A fact that will be noted with much concern by farmers living in sections where quack grass is getting a foothold is that the pest will multiply from the seed contained in the apparently green grass at the time the oats are harvested. Tests made at the Iowa experiment station at Ames with quack grass seed taken from a bundle of oats showed that 8 per cent of the seed grew. The discovery of the above fact, while discouraging, will serve to emphasize the necessity of taking additional precautions to stamp out this worst of weed pests.

A dispatch appearing in the daily papers under date of Oct. 18 tells of an interesting jackrabbit drive which took place in Antelope valley, near Lancaster, Cal., a day or two before. Five hundred men, women and children are said to have formed a monster semicircle and driven 10,000 jacks into a wire corral half a mile in length and triangular in shape, where they were dispatched with clubs in fifty seven minutes. The rabbits, which had been increasing with great rapidity, had ruined a large part of the crops in the vicinity, and the drive was adopted as a relief measure.

Quite often the success of the county farmers' institute depends as largely upon so conducting the discussions as to draw out the definite, practical experience of the farmers present as upon having lectures upon the different subjects by agricultural authorities of note. It is well to emphasize both features, but in no case should the former be neglected. We have known of instances where men were present in the audience on such occasions who were chock full of just the information that was wanted on a given subject, yet who, because of bashfulness or modesty, contributed nothing to the discussion. On the other hand, had the officers of the institute or the director asked the right kind of questions and called upon these men personally to reply the desired information would have been forthcoming and in a form that all present would have been able to comprehend. This Socratic method—the eliciting of information by questions and answers—is always excellent, and in no place is it more effective than in the farmers' institute.

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NEWS FROM THE TOWNS NEARBY

Accidents and Incidents of Unusual Interest from the Towns in the Cumberland Valley and Elsewhere. Short News Notes.

PLACED IN JAIL.

Waynesboro Harry C. Eyler, who is charged with stealing more than $104 from Frick Company about two years ago was taken to Waynesboro Wednesday from Frederick, where he was arrested. He was given a hearing and in default of bail brought to jail. Eyler was Sunday watchman at the shops of Frick company. Sunday August 13, 1906, it is asserted that he registered at the clock in the office at 9. His dinner bucket remained in the shop and was found by employes of the company the next day. The same day it was discovered that $104 had been missing, part of which had been from a small safe in the timekeeper's office.

RUNAWAY

Hagerstown A horse attached to a buggy containing Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Weant, near Wingerton, took fright in Locust street, near Bondway. After running some distance Mr. and Mrs. Weant were thrown from the buggy. Mr. Weant was dragged by the lines and was bruised. The horse ran to Potomac Avenue Station and was caught. The buggy was a total wreck. Mr. Weant had the horse removed to the veterinary hospital of Dr. C. E. Poe, where it will be kept for a few days under treatment.

HEAD BADLY CUT

Keedysville—Harvey Lantz, who went to Washington to work for the U. S. Express Co. during the holiday rush, was severely cut on the head by a sharp piece of iron carelessly left on the top of a high ladder, which fell when he removed the ladder. He was taken to the hospital where the wound was dressed having several stitches put in. He returned home on the evening train. It was a glance stroke, otherwise would have been more serious.

LOST HAND

Westminster—The right hand of McClellan Haines, 20 years old, employed on the farm of Frank Garnes, near St. Benjamin's Church, one mile from Westminster, was caught in a fodder cutter Saturday evening. The cutter became choked and Haines thrust in his hand to unchoke it. The hand was cut "slit after slit" from fingers to above wrist. The young man came near dying from loss of blood before the arrival of the surgeons—Drs. M. L. Bott and S. Luther Bare—who amputated the hand midway between the wrist and elbow. The operation was successful and the young man is resting comfortably.

UGLY RUNAWAY

Hagerstown—The two-horse delivery team of Samuel Rowe frightened in West Washington street Thursday evening and ran, turned into Jonathan street, colliding with a telegraph pole. Otho Baker and William Keyser, colored were thrown out. Mr. Baker was rendered unconscious. He was carried into the office of C. S. Hunter, and attended by Dr. S. M. Wagaman and later removed to his home. This morning he was able to be about. The horses continued out Jonathan street and collided with the cab of Scott Long, in which a lady was seated, but she was not injured. The wagon was damaged.

$5,000 DAMAGES

Hagerstown David Cochran, by Wagaman & Wagaman, attorneys, filed a suit against the W. M. R. R. for $5,000 damages for death of his son, Charles C. Cochran, an express messenger, who was killed Feb. 6, 1908, in a wreck near Gorman, W. Va., when the car in which he was riding left the rail and rolled down an embankment.

A well known actor was taking dinner at a fashionable Chicago hotel when a young man came in and sat down at the same table. He apparently recognized the actor, for after gazing at him intently for a couple of minutes he pulled a two dollar bill ostentatiously from a large roll and shoving it across the table, remarked:

"I always feel as if I had to pay to see a famous man, don't you know."

The "famous man" calmly tore the two dollar bill in half and returned one section to the young man.

"Children half price," he observed composedly.

LISTEN!

Whoever you are, as you read this,
Whatever your trouble or grief,
I want you to know and to heed this—
The hour draweth near with relief.

No sorrow, no woe, is unending.
Though heaven seems voiceless and dumb,
So sure as your cry is ascending,
So surely an answer will come.

Whatever temptation is near you
Whose eyes on these simple lines fall,
Remember, good angels will hear you
And help you to stand if you call.

Though stunned by despair, I beseech you,
Whatever your losses, your need,
Believe when these printed words reach you,
Believe you were born to succeed.

LOCAL NEWS HAPPENINGS

Brief Paragraphs of News Interest in Gettysburg and Adams County. What is Going on in Towns around us.

Some people observed the custom started last year of allowing their window shades to remain raised in the evenings in order to give the town a more cheerful appearance. Others kept them down.

Adams County's business people are putting out large quantities of attractive calendars for 1909. One upper end business man last week mailed a two horse load of handsome calendars to his patrons and friends.

The souvenir post card business was at its height over the Christmas season and large quantities were sent and received through the local office.

The skating rink did a big business on Christmas Day, that form of amusement seeming to be especially attractive to the young people of Gettysburg.

Gettysburg seemed like a deserted city Christmas night. The streets were almost without sign of any living being and everything was quiet.

The York street shirt factory employees presented their employer, C. C. Trostle, with a handsome silk and gold watch fob as a Christmas gift, and gave Miss Margie Trostle an ebony manicure set with silver mounting.

Numerous county people visited over Christmas and there was scarcely a home that did not entertain some guest.

The Gettysburg post office had its busiest days on Wednesday and Thursday, the mails of those two days beating all previous records not even excepting National Guard weeks. Carriers and clerks had all they could do to get through with their work.

Adams County's farmers intending to have sale this Spring are rapidly getting their dates arranged and the auctioneers are busy filling in their schedules.

Town and county merchants will enjoy a much needed rest after the hard work of the holiday season. They report business better than in any previous year and are much pleased. The merchants in Gettysburg and the county never advertised so extensively and attractively as during the weeks preceeding Christmas.

Cumberland Valley's farmers and orchardists are learning a great deal about "bugs" from the state instruction train which is going through that section.

The Christmas exercises in the College Lutheran church Sunday evening were very largely attended.

More Money In Live Stock Than Grain.

The value of farm animals is increasing rapidly, suggesting that farmers of the west are going more and more into general farming, not depending so much on raising grain for market. The statement is made by the American Cultivator. The value of farm animals is placed at about $5,000,000,000, or one-fifth of the entire value of farm property. The value of receipts at leading market centers for about 50,000,000 head of cattle, horses, hogs and mules will total well over a billion dollars, this sum of the leading markets only, and probably nearly as much more live stock is sold at the smaller markets, as it is figured that about two-fifths of the farm live stock goes to market during one year. Of the annual income from live stock, cattle make up about five-eighths, hogs one-fourth and the balance sheep, horses and mules. The great iron and steel industry is surpassed in value of exports by the shipments of meat and dairy products. The tendency of all lines of animal products is toward increase, while the country is becoming less and less an exporter of grain. The farmers are wisely securing a double profit by turning their grain into the home market and selling it as a finished product in the form of meat, butter and cheese. The United States has more dairy cows (22,244,446) than any other country in the world, more horses, 23,000,532; more mules, 4,050,399; more swine, 57,070,861, and (except British India) more cattle, 73,246,073.

The past fall has been a standoff from the viewpoint of mortality as between the deer hunters in the northern woods and the rabbit hunters in the prairie states. Not in a dozen years have so many boys and men been maimed, disfigured or killed through careless gun accidents while hunting cottontails as has been the case this season.

The Gettysburg Daily Times will give you the principal telegraphic news of the world, produce market prices of Philadelphia, Baltimore and Gettysburg and all of the news of Adams County. Try it a month.

He Got Even.

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Off Rio de Janeiro a dozen or more sailors were lolling on the forecastle. It was a still, clear night, and the full moon made all nearly as light as day.

"I seen more light one night," said one with rings in his ears.

"Oh, come, Philosopher Jack. Is this a starter for one o' your spooky yarns?"

"There's some as knows so much," the philosopher retorted contemptuously, "as y' can't tell 'em nothin'. What's this yere earth a-hangin' to? Can y' tell me that?"

There was a silence, denoting that the question was above the audience. Philosopher Jack continued:

"I'll spin y' a yarn as is a yarn, an' if y' can explain it when I git through I'll turn y' over my grog an' duff for the rest o' the cruise. Y' don't know what the earth's hangin' on to, an' y' don't know what becomes of us when we 'go aloft.'

"The cap'n o' the Clara Keep was the worst tyrant that ever walked a quarter deck. We was in Bering sea for seals an' not gettin' any. This made the cap'n wo'se'n ever. He did nothin' but cuss us from sunup till sunset an' durin' the night, too, when he was on deck. There was one o' the men, Tom Blake, the cap'n seemed to hate wo'se'n the rest o' us, a lean, corpse-like lookin' feller with great big eyes that stared like the blinkers o' a dead man. We couldn't make out whether the cap'n hated Tom wo'se or was afraid o' him wo'se. Leastaways, Tom would look at the cap'n out o' them great eyes o' hisn, an' the cap'n would git into a passion with him at oncet. But I always noticed that he trembled in his rags.

"One day the cap'n ordered Tom to go aloft. The mercury stood 20 degrees below zero, the ship was a-rollin', and the spray was makin' ice high upon the ratlines, even on to the spars.

"'I'm so cold,' said Tom, 'that I couldn't git up there, an' if I did I couldn't hold on.'

"'You git up there,' yelled the cap'n, seizin' a belayin' pin, 'or I'll brain y'!'

"Tom went on to the ratlines, an' when he got a little ways up he looked down at the cap'n, an' he said, says he:

"'I'm goin' to my doom, but I tell y', Cap'n Tomkins, some day I'll git even with y'!'

"He climbed on up the ratlines an' crawled out on to the yard, where the cap'n had ordered him. A big wave struck us, there was a cloud o' icy spray, an' when it cleared Tom was nowheres.

"I couldn't make out whether the cap'n was satisfied at gittin' rid o' Tom Blake or whether he felt in the dumps about it. Leastaways he didn't cuss us so much after that an' was kind o' cringin'-like.

"After spendin' a good while in Bering sea we passed through the straits. One night we was beatin' northward into the Arctic ocean. Our latitude was som'eres about 67 degrees north, longitude 170 west, midway between Point Hope and Cape Serdze Well, that's the night I was referrin' to a spell ago. I never seen such an aurora in my life before. It was a-flashin' an' a-flickerin' an' a-flutterin', sometimes like a million o' little white flags or straight searchlights shootin' up to the sky. The cap'n was on deck, an' it seemed to ..nd a 'terrify him. You see, although it was so light, we couldn't make out nothin'.

"'I believe the devil's tryin' to wreck us,' he said, an', coming down off the poop deck, he went for'ard an' stood on the bowsprit so's he could see better.

"There seemed to be a white cloud ahead. Leastways it looked like a cloud, but with the Aurora dancin' about it wasn't always there. The cap'n stared at it, tryin' to make it out. I stood down on the fo'castle lookin' too. First thing either of us knowed we heard a grind, the bowsprit snapped, an' a lot o' ice fell on the deck. One chunk that must 'a' weighed a ton struck the cap'n an' knocked him overboard.

"We didn't all of us hear it. Bill O'Brien said he did, but Pete Galloway, who was standin' near as any of us, says he didn't."

"'What, the ice comin' aboard?'

"The ice, no! Out o' the misty lookin' mass it was an iceberg we struck, I heard as plain as I ever heard anything the voice o' Tom Blake sayin' softlike:

"'I'm here, Cap'n Tomkins.'"

The speaker paused. Not a word was spoken by his listeners for some moments, awed as they were by the story, when Philosopher Jack continued:

"It wouldn't make any difference to me if I was the only one as heard it, but some o' the watch did besides me. I thort o' that poor feller slippin' into the icy sea, an' somehow I knowed he'd got even.

"We expected to find a hole in our bottom, but we didn't. The bowsprit was the only thing damaged. We turned about, passed back through the straits and continued on home. Now, you fellers as knows everything, how y' goin' to explain what I've been tellin' y'? D'ye think there's reward an' punishment in the other world without a poor devil bein' able to git a little revenge here? Not much."

Whether or no there was anything of reason in this argument, it was spoken in such a tone of authority and the men had such unbounded admiration for their philosopher's wisdom that not one dared to gainsay it or cast a doubt upon his story.

HAROLD OTIS.

Something Happened.

[Original.]

Bob Southwick was sauntering on the street, a victim of ennui. He was twenty-three years old, possessed a fortune, but was miserable. The trouble with Bob was that he had nothing to interest him. He wished something would happen.

Something did happen. Indeed, something remarkable happened—very remarkable. A young girl, pretty and prettily dressed, came out of an office building looking very much perplexed. She turned northward, walked rapidly for a dozen steps, stopped, turned and walked southward for an equal distance, stopped again and muttered to herself, but loud enough for Bob, of whose presence she was unconscious, to hear.

"What in the world shall I do?"

Bob stepped up to her, raised his hat politely and said:

"Can I be of service to you? You seem to be in a quandary about something."

The girl became suddenly conscious that a young man was standing deferentially before her and had asked her a question. She suddenly replied by a question, "What time is it?"

Bob took out his watch and told her that it was a quarter to 12 o'clock.

"Oh, my goodness gracious!"

"Please tell me," he said, "what's your trouble. I may be able to help you."

"You can't."

"Do you want anything?"

"Yes."

"What is it?"

"I want a husband."

"Phew!" exclaimed the young man, then, after a pause, "Will I do?"

The girl knit her brows, bit her lip and finally said that he would.

"All right. I'll look into the matter."

"There is no time. I must be married before the clock strikes 12."

"But you see surely tell me why this thing must be so sudden."

"It's too long a story."

Just then a man came out of the building before which they stood, approached the young lady and said:

"The jig's up."

"The jig's up. It's ten minutes to 12."

"This gentleman," she said, meaning Bob, "is thinking of"—

"There's no time for thinking. We must be acting," said the man. "If I hadn't a wife and family, I'd help you out."

"If you've got to have a husband right off," said Bob resolutely, "I'm your man."

"All right," said the other. "I'm a lawyer. I'll see that you are well paid for what you do and no trouble. Come along."

He hurried the couple around the corner to the office of a justice of the peace. The justice was coming out on his way to luncheon.

"Marry this couple," said the lawyer, "and do it quick."

"You guarantee it's all right?"

"Certainly."

"The names?"

"Mine is Robert Blair Southwick."

"Your name, please."

"Ella Ruth Gurney."

"One minute of 12," remarked the lawyer, looking at his watch and shoving it back in his pocket excitedly. "Go ahead, judge, and be quick about it."

A brief ceremony was performed, and a moment after the couple had been pronounced husband and wife the clock struck 12. The bride fell limp into a chair and fanned herself vigorously.

"Now make out a certificate," said the lawyer to the justice, "stating that you married these two before 12 o'clock this day," then, turning to Bob, "if you will accompany me and Miss Gurney"—

"Mrs. Southwick, you mean."

"Beg pardon—to my office we will be happy to make this marriage worth your while, and I will guarantee you a divorce without trouble or remuneration."

"Must that be got right off?" asked Bob. "There's been hurry enough about getting into the thing. I would like a little time about getting out of it."

The lawyer wiped the perspiration from his forehead and said more deliberately:

"No hurry about that, I assure you. Perhaps I may as well explain briefly the occasion for this hurried marriage, and we can all meet to arrange further plans later. Miss Gurney"—

"Mrs. Southwick, please."

"Beg pardon—Mrs. Southwick—returned today from a long trip in foreign lands, having been delayed on the voyage home. A year ago her uncle died leaving a will bequeathing her his fortune on condition that she marry his son, Elmer Gurney, on or before 12 o'clock today. If Elmer Gurney refused or died she would inherit anyway if married on or before the said date. This was to secure a succession. Gurney died a week ago."

"Thank you," said Bob. "I'll see you later about the divorce." Then to the lady he said, "May I be permitted to call, Mrs. Southwick?"

"I shall be very happy."

"Will this evening at 8 be convenient?"

"It will."

"Your address, please."

"Washington place—No. 64."

"Good day," raising his hat. "Pleased to have met you."

For the first time the absurdity of the situation occurred to the girl, and she laughed. "Good day. Much obliged."

"Don't mention it."

There was no divorce. Bob Southwick, now having a wife to "globe trot" with him, is not so bored as formerly.

F. A. MITCHEL.

Many Christmas Visitors in Town

Former Residents of Gettysburg Return for Their Christmas Vacations and Spend the Holidays at Their Former Homes. Other Personal Mention.

Prof. and Mrs. J. Allen Dickson have returned from their wedding tour.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCarney and daughter have returned to their homes in Gracehom, Maryland, after spending a few days with Mr. McCarney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. McCarney, of Carlisle street.

Tuesday evening S. E. Waltman purchased the porperty of Miss Jane Gilbert on Carlisle street. Terms private.

Howard Hartman butchered three 11 months old hogs weighing as follows: 406, 428 and 441 pounds.

Misses May Seiler and Elizabeth Boeckle returned to York after spending several days with Miss Celia Hailey.

The furniture and fixtures, good will and license privilege of the City Hotel were sold at public sale on Wednesday to P. M. Bruner for $1300.

Hareld S. Trump, of Martinsburg, W. Va., is visiting Mark K. Eckert at his home on Center Square.

Rev. and Mrs. H. Hall Sharp, of Tremont, are visiting at the home of Hon. William A. Martin on Lincoln avenue.

Mrs. Stock, of Hanover, and Miss Margaret McConnughy, of Johnstown, spent Tuesday with relatives in town.

Miss Helen Kendlehart is visiting friends in Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. R. B. Myers, of Arendtsville left Monday to spend three weeks in Pittsburg.

The many friends of Norman McCarrall Fox, of High Point, North Carolina, are glad to welcome him home for the holidays.

Adolph Bangser, of New York City, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Eckert.

S. M. Hartzel was the recipient of a box of oranges received Christmas Day from a Floride friend.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. Henry Anstadt a daughter.

Rev. George Nicely, Y. M. C. A. secretary at college, has received and accepted a call to the Lutheran church at Reading of which the Rev. L. S. Bleck was formerly the pastor.

Clayton Hoke lost a vuluehle horse by death Monday night. Indigestion was the cause.

We are in receipt of a very attractive calendar sent us by Z. J. Peters, of Guernsey.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Weener spent Christmas with Mrs. Weaner's sister, Mrs. W. M. Sheaffer, of Dillsburg. During their absence Roy Weaner ettended to the dairy.

Mr. and Mrs. Denton Stouffer spent Christmas Dny with relatives in Biglerville.

Miss Amanda Tewney, of Lakewood N. J., is et her home on Steinwehr avenue for her vacation.

William Sheaffer is at his home on North Washington street.

William H. Maus and Grover Maus of Taneytown, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson W. Krebs.

Mrs. E. C. Miller and daughter, Mery, of Buford avenue, have gone to Chambersburg were they will spend a week visiting relatives and friends.

Walter Weaver, of Philadelphie and Nicholas Weaver are spending several days at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Weavor on West Middle street.

Miss Grace Blocher, of Loysville, and Miss Nellie Blocher, of Holly Beach, N. J., are spending some time at their home on Carlisle street.

George Wierman, of Norristown, is spending the holidays at the home of N. L. Wierman on York street.

Robert and Donald Rupp are spending several days at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Rupp, on West Middle street.

Gurfield McAllister, of Harrisburg, is spending several days at the home of his parents, Mr. end Mrs. Theodore McAllister.

Harvey Welty, of Philadelphia, is spending several days at his home.

William McGuigan, of York, is spending the holidays et his home in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Engle and daughter, Catharine, have returned to their home in Lewistown. Miss Helen Troxell, of Lewistown, is spending some time et her home in this place.

Alfred Lindsay, of Greenvillage, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Holtzworth, et her home on Baltimore street.

Mr. Clansy, of Pittsburg, is visiting et the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Neely on Lincoln avenue.

Mr. Robert H. Ross, of Mechanicsburg, spent Christmas at his home on Newville avenue. On his return he was accompanied by his sister, Miss Isabel Ross, who will also visit relatives in Carlisle and Harrisburg.

Miss Anna Crapster, of Taneytown, and Mr. Smelsor, of New York, were guests Sunday at the home of Dr. J. W. C. O'Neal on Baltimore street.

William Barkley, of McKeesport, is visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Backley, at their home on Carlisle street.

Miss Harriet Bailey, of Washington, has returned home after a visit at the home of Mr. Majors on West Middle street.

Dan A. Rupp, of Atlantic City, spent the past few days with friends in town.

Mrs. O. C. Reinecke and two daughters, of Jersey City, are spending some time with relatives in town.

William F. Dill Esq., of Barnesboro, is visiting friends in town for several days.

Paul Rupp left Monday for Newark, N. J., after spending several days at his home in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Lower have returned to Hagerstown after spending several weeks at the home of F. Mark Bream.

Miss Katharine Duncan was the guest of Miss Margaret Koser et her home in Biglerville Monday.

Mrs. George Kyler, of Lock Haven, is visiting at the home of Mrs. C. R. Rupp.

J. H. Ticer, of Washington, D. C., has returned home after a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Schriver. Mrs. Ticer will remain for a week or more.

Hiram Franklin, of Newport, Perry county, spent several days at the home of Reuben Rupp, North Washington street.

Harry Good, of Chicago, is spending some time at the home of John Good, North Washington street.

Edward Eckenrode is spending several days at his home in this place.

Mr. end Mrs. F. M. Kime spent several deys with their daughter, Mrs. Jemes Tate.

Roy K. Homen left Monday for Altoona after spending the holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Homan.

Miss Almeda Stickel has returned to her home in Harrisburg after visiting Miss Anne McClearly, Carlisle street.

Harvey Oylar, of Milton, spent several days et his home recently.

Dr. J. B. McAllister, of Harrisburg, spent Christmas Day at the home of his eante Mrs. M. McKinney and Miss A. S. Barr.

Miss Jennie Howerd, of Carlisle street, has returned home from e visit with friends in Hanover.

FAMILY REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. J. Jere Plank on Christmas Day entertained their immediate family at their home, "Locust Grove Manor," near Knaxlyn. The house was beautifully decorated with pine and potted plants. A large Christmas tree occupied a spacious corner, where were found presents and joy for everyone. At 11.30 a. m. arrived their daughters, Misses Edythe and Nellie from Reading, which completed e happy reunion again. They were accompanied by Mr. J. E. Shirey, of Birdsboro. The Misses Plunk brought Santa Claus with them and then came the distribution of gifte which wore handsome and numerous. Miss Edythe was the recipient of a large collection of handsome gifts from hor many friends abroad as well as et home, one of them being a beautiful diamond bracelet of five settings. At length Mrs. Plank invited all to the spacious dining room, where was prepared an aluborete feast, composed of all the delicacies of the season. The dining room and table were beautifully and tastefully trimmed with smilax, potted plants and paper, the colors, green and white, predominating. All partook and did ample justice to the season's bounties. The Misses Plank will remain e while with their parents.

A Guest.

Numerous parties taking afternoon strolls could be seen on the avenues and at others placees ebout town on Sunday. The day was an ideal Winter Sunday.

A Matrimonial Agent

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Driving along a country road, I came upon a small house bearing a sign, "Matrimonial Agency." Curiosity led me to stop and investigate. Instead of being received by a woman, as I expected, e man answered my summons. He led me into a poorly furnished sitting room and waited for me to declare the object of my coming.

He was an uncouth looking man, with red hair and a freckled skin, but there was nothing unpleasant about his expression unless it was his eye. It was not exactly malevolent; it rather indicated a soul within harassed by some adversity.

"Well," I said when we were seated, "I saw your sign, and as I am looking for a wife I thought I would come in and see what you heve to offer. But first tell me how you, e man, happen to be running a matrimonial agency, e business that seems to pertain rather to woman?"

"I'm here to make stories for other people, not to tell mine."

"What do you mean by making stories?"

"Stories according to the novel writers all begin with the meetin' of a man and a woman. Usually they marry at the end of the yarn, and the novelist slinks out of the business."

"Slinks out of the business?"

"I don't pretend to make happy marriages. I simply introduce people and let 'em figure it out for themselves."

"But why do you use the word 'slink' in speaking of the novelist?"

"Why doesn't he stand up square and say: 'I've told you about this couple, whet kind of a time they've had gitin' each other, all the fool pranks they've played a-doin' of it to the day they was married? But y' mought es well understand that I don't meen to say they're goin' to keep it up. They mey git on together, but the chences are—for the fust two or three years euyway—they won't. They may fight right along, hangin' on for the seke of their children, or they may find their way into the divorce courts. Anyway, they got to git over a lot of troubles.' Ef the novelist would be fa'r about it and tell his readers jist what to expect if the story run on, he wouldn't sell so many of his novels but he'd heve a clean conscience. He don't do no sich thing. He don't even take 'em through the honeymoon. There's lots of couples goin' off together all alone by theirselves, afeared somebody 'll butt in, and before they've got through the honeymoon wish somebody would butt in. Honeymoon! Why do they call it honeymoon? Because it changes. When it begins the moon's full and begins to wane right off. It isn't the hull moon they mean, 'cause in two weeks the moon's new eg'in and begins to wane. That's the time a couple begins to git tired of each other's undivided company—that is, if they don't begin before."

"Oh, you're too sweeping in your statements," I interrupted. "There are lots of happy marriages, lots where the honeymoon never ends. But I'm interested. Tell me your own story. I don't want a wife. I only came in here from curiosity. Of course I've no right to take up your time without profit to you. You must make your fee all the same."

I tossed a bill on to a table near by.

"Well, stranger, ef y' put it thet a-way I don't mind tellin' you. I went through the novel experience part, end I confess it was very sick. The gal and I got the sulks at each other every two or three days, sometimes several times a day. But the makin' up wes wo'th it all. Then we said goodby to the story business and sailed off into the honeymoon stage. Somehow when we got miffed at each other the makin' up wasn't so sorghum-like. Before we got home we had a real fight that we didn't make up at all.

"I won't go over what follered. Children came to us end, seein' their mother fightin' me ell the time, they tuk a hend and tuk to pitchin' stools at me. I stood it for a matter of ten years, when one day when they driv' me outen the house with gridirons and rollin' pins I didn't go back no more.

"They say ef a mao wants to get on he oughter be in a business he knaws somepin about. What I don't know about matrimony ain't wo'th knowin'. But I don't seem to get on very well at it. I reckon I'm too honest. Ef I wa'n't no honester than the novelists I could meke it go well enough, but I ain't no sich low down cuss."

"There are cases," I remarked, "where one knows too much about his business or, stated differently, he attaches too much importance to his own experience."

"Thet mey be it, stranger. Anyway, you seem to be different from the rest who come here. You know it all yourself. You don't rely on me for anything except the introduction. That's whet I want. You've paid the fee. You mought as well get the worth of your money. Let me introduce you to a young woman I've got on my list—good lookin', healthy, blue eyes. They say them kind is tricky, but you're not afraid. She wants a husband, and she wants one bad. What dy'e say?"

This attempt to force me to back my opinions was too much for me. I declined.

But an interest had been excited in this unfortunate man, and I determined to try to unite him to his family. In time I discovered the main causes of the trouble, and by correcting them succeeded in bringing about happiness where before there hed been only misery.

DONALD CHAMBERLIN

THE GREEK-GOVERNMENT MINE.

[Original.]

There is no definite connection today between a college education and money making, the higher education having become only essential to the professions. It is nothing unusual to find a "graduate" punching cattle or strumming a piano in a western dance house or even dealing faro. As to the girls, a college education makes them more self reliant, more daring, and they are beginning on leaving college to take their chances with the men in novel enterprises.

Everett Avery on being graduated delivered an oration. The senior class from a neighboring women's college attended the exercises, and while Avery was speaking his attention was attracted to a dark haired and eyed girl with a strongly marked face who was listening to him. A few days later he attended the commencement exercises of the women's college referred to and sat looking up with interest at the girl who had favored him with her attention.

Avery proved to be one of the men who find that a higher education doesn't always bring success. After trying e number of occupations and finding that his education hed inspired him with a contempt for all of them he made up his mind that success is a gamble and he would as lief gamble with his pick as a prospector for mines as in any other wey. Five years after orating on the influences of Greek civilization on modern university life he was twenty feet down in a hole in Colorado hunting for gold.

Rather, he wes hunting for more gold. He hed struck a vein that promised something and was following it up. It opened well es he went down, but the widening seemed rather to lead to the western side of his claim. After following it to his line he knocked off and went away to put in a claim for the adjoining property. He was too late. The land had long ago been taken up. After having been away from his mine for some time he returned to it to find a hole on the claim he hed been after. A good deal of dirt hed been taken out, but not enough to show that the claim was being worked by more than one person.

Avery went to work again, following his "lead" down, since he had reached his limit to the west. One day he distinctly heard the sound of a pick in that direction. His neighbor had evidently struck the vein he had discovered. Suddenly something gave way, and the whole west side of the mine slid down, a mass of loose dirt. There stood his neighbor. To Avery's astonishment the miner was a woman though she wore high top boots and a skirt to her knees. The two stood staring at each other by the dim light of their lanterns.

"Your face is familiar to me," was the first remark. Avery made it.

"I remember you perfectly," replied the neighbor. "Where have we met?"

"You were speaking of the influence of Greek civilization on"—

"Blast the Greeks! If they had never existed perhaps I wouldn't be here. I might have spent the time learning something practical. By the way, your own oration impressed me. You were dilating on the future of woman in our government, I believe."

"It doesn't look as if I am to govern anybody down here, does it?"

"Not unless you govern me. But, tell me, how in the world did you ever happen to come here?"

"After graduation I became a stenographer and typewriter. Father came out here and entered several claims. He died, and I came out to look over what he had. I was advised to have this claim examined. That meant if there was anything in it I would be cheated out of it. I concluded to do it myself."

"H'm! You've run into my claim."

"You mean you've run into mine."

"Hadn't you better go back east and follow up the points made in your graduating speech—go into politics—and leave this thing to me to handle for both of us?"

"I like that! You might go abroad and study up on the ancient Greeks' influence on modern university life. Your college might give you a professorship on that."

"Or some other subject of no practical use. Thanks, no. I'd rather dig dirt. In that I feel I'm doing something."

"I'd rather govern the country, I admit, but even woman suffrage doesn't seem to make quick headway, and I'm afraid I'll be an old woman before I'll be eligible to a governing office."

"And even then you'd be defeated by a younger one."

"Right you are."

"Well, let's come to an understanding. Five years in the world have knocked the nonsense out of both of us. These two mines must be united. I'll sell to you if you want to buy."

"No funds. I'll sell to you."

"Same here."

"What shall we do?"

"We might unite our interests by uniting ourselves. I can handle a pick better than you, and you can cook, I fancy. Now, suppose we set up a cabin together. You take care of it while I follow this lead. I'm dead sure there's a lot in it."

"Shall I confess something?"

"Yes. What is it?"

"When I listened to your oration I said to myself, 'That's the man for me.'"

"Did you? Same here. Shake."

Nobody understood the name of the Greek-Government mine but the owners. Their first find was a nine pound boy. After that gold came and mede them rich.

BEATRICE TUCKER

Happenings in Adams County

Numerous Social Events Mark the Holiday Season in Various Parts of Adams County. What the People of Adams County are Doing. Items of News

SMILEY—MINTER

A pretty home wedding took place Christmas morning at half past ten at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Minter in Franklin township when their daughter, Miss Bessie Minter, was united in marriage to Mr. J. Murray Smiley, of Gettysburg, foreman at the plant of The Gettysburg Times.

The house was very prettily decorated with holly, laurel, cut flowers and potted plants. The ceremony was performed in the parlor by the Rev. D. T. Koser of Arendtsville. Miss Ruth Koser played the wedding march, playing the march from Mendelssohn.

The bride wore a handsome gown of brown silk and was attended by her sister, Miss Ellen Minter, who wore a blue silk gown. Mr. Smiley was attended by his best man, Walter R. Berger, of Gettysburg.

A wedding dinner was served to the wedding party and the guests after an informal reception.

Those who were present at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Amos Minter, Dr. and Mrs. D. L. Merriman, Mrs. David Merriman, Rev. end D. T. Koser, Misses Ruth and Veda Koser, of Arendtsville; Mr. end Mrs. Lee Minter, of Jersey City, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Minter, of Newerk, New Jersey; Miss Anne Minter, of Philadelphia; Miss Bessie Berger, of Gettysburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Smiley will reside on York street.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

A very enjoyable event took place on Monday when Mr. and Mrs. Adam Lupp, of Brysonia, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary et their home. All the children of Mr. end Mrs. Lupp gathered together under the parental roof and the day was spent very merrily. A number of very pretty presents were received by Mr. end Mrs. Lupp. A sumptuous dinner was served and everybody enjoyed themselves. Those who were present were: Mr. and Mrs. Adam Lupp, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Lupp, Mrs. Elizabeth Nary, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hess, Mr. and Mrs. George Culp, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Cook, Mr. end Mrs. Oscar Lupp, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. yMers, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Minter, Misses Ada Lupp, Hulda Hess, Mery Lupp, Lela Culp, Isabelle Culp, Estella Cook, Myra Cook, Kathryn Crum, Sara Lupp, Messrs. Luther Hess, Lloyd Hess, Amos Lupp, Gilbert Culp, Merl Culp and Jay Cook.

SURPRISE PARTY

A very pleasant surprise party was held on Tuesday evening at the National Hotel, Bonneauville, in honor of the proprietor, it being his 42nd birthday. The evening was spent in singing and playing, with Mr. Joseph Goulden at the piano. At an early hour all returned to their respective homes wishing Mr. Waganer many more happy birthdays. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John Waganer and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, Christian Gebhart, Annie Gebhart, Mrs. Eugene Melhorn, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sheets, Lewis Smith, Mary Miller, Charles and Albert Christmer, William Clunk, Joseph Goulden, William and Peter Gebhart, George Miller, George Sheets, Lewis Palmer, Dennis Little, Joseph Topper, Williem C. Gebhert, Joseph McMaster, James Todt, Bernard and Augustus Orndorff, John and Joseph Staub, Beulah Orndorff, Eugene Melhorn, Frank Hawn.

Dr. R. S. Lindaman presented his wife with a handsome organ as a Christmas gift.

DINNER PARTY

A very pleasant Christmas dinner was served at the home of Emery C. Pitzer, of Wenksville. The invited guests arrived at an early hour. The little folks were not forgotten by old Santa who had a very nice tree laden with good things of all kinds which they enjoyed very much. When the dinner hour arrived the guests were all invited to the dining room where e table was laden with all the delicacies of the season to which all did ample justice. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Emery C. Pitzer and children, Harvey, Edna and Mary; Mr. and Mrs. Moses Black and children, Lizzie, Jerry and Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. John Black, Mr. Williem Black and daughter, Harmia and Miss Bertha Black, of Wenksville, Mrs. Blanche Peters and daughter, Carrie and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Pitzer Jr., of Bendersville; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pitzer and sons, Charles and Earl, and Mrs. Harry Naylor and children, Guy, Glenn, Maud, Ruth and Ario of Aspers; Mr. and Mrs. Willis Pitzer, of near Biglerville; Mr. and Mrs. Ira Pitzer, and son, Ralph, of Brysonia, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brinkorhoff and son, Lloyd, of near York Springs. The afternoon was spent in a joyful shooting match. The only sad thought was that of Mr. Pitzer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Pitzer, who could not attend on account of the illness of Mrs. Pitzer. As the guests left for their respective homes they wished Mr. and Mrs. Pitzer many more joyful Christmases.

BELL DEDICATED

Fairfield Jan. 1—On Wednesday of this week the new school bell at Valley School in Liberty township was dedicated with fitting ceremonies. The school is taught by Miss Carolyne Pecher. The bell is an unusually fine one, weighing 300 pounds and has a very good tone which can be heard for a great distance. Calvin Wills and William Tressler placed the bell in the tower which they designed and constructed. The funds for the bell were collected by the teacher of the school and J. Harry Pecher.

NEW TELEPHONE SCHEME

The Bell Telephone Company is endeavoring to promote a scheme to have the farmers of Adams County arrange to connect private telephone lines with those of the Bell company. The idea is to have a number of farmers take up the plan and go in on their own line and then have this line connected with the Bell exchange et Gettysburg from where they can be connected not only with the other telephones in the county but also with the Bell trunk lines all over the United States. The company promoting the scheme has arranged matters so that the farmers can take up the plan et comparatively small cost and it is said that the representatives of the company are meeting with good success.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

Idaville Jan. 1—Following is the program for Christmas exercises which were held et the Idaville School, on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 24. singing, "The Bethlehem Babe;" opening address, Celia Paxton; recitation, Valma Crist; recitation, Lillian Sterner; music, graphophone; dialogue, "The New Born King;" singing, "Luther's Cradle Hymn;" recitation, Brom Miller; dialogue, "Three Wishers;" music, graphophone; recitation, Mary Gardner; recitation, Ella Spertzel; dialogue, "The Christmas Box"; singing, "Silent Night;" recitation, Reba Webb; recitation, Ella Heller; dialogue, "God with Us;" recitation, Earl Myers; music, graphophone; recitatian, Etta Gardner; dialogue by Primer Class; singing, "Happy Christmas Bells;" dialogue, "Christ is Come:" recitation, Elsie Gronp; recitation Mary Heikes; dialogue "What for the King;" recitation, Bertia Pifer; dialogue, "We are only little people;" music, graphophone; dialogue, "Welcome, Welcome;" singing, "Lend e helping Hand;" recitation, Harvey Heller, "If I should see Santa Claus;" music, graphophone.

FARM SOLD

The Sarah M. Black property in Cumberland township, recently purchesed by James H. Reaver, has been sold by him to Mrs. Bertha I. Harbaugh. The terms of the sale are private.

COULSON—YONE

On Thursday, December 24, at the home of the bride's parents in Heidlersburg, Emory J. Coulson and Miss Minerva M. Yohe were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. E. Dietterich.

FRACTURED LEG

Mount Rock Jan. 1—Joseph Hagerman, of Mt. Rock, slipped and fell from a porch at 5.15 a. m. Christmas morning, breaking his right leg above the ankle. This is the third time Mr. Hagerman was unfortunate in having the same limb broken. Dr. A. C. Rice is in attendance.

Have your sale bills printed by The Times

PROSPEROUS YEAR AHEAD

Leaving a year of Success and prosperity Behind, Gettysburg and Adams County Enter upon Another Year.

Gettysburg and Adams County enter upon the New Year with the prospect of enjoying the most prosperous twelve months that have ever been known in their history. The year just past has been one of advancement and prosperity in our vicinity and a continuance is assured for 1909.

During the past year four new banking institutions were opened in Adams County, all of which are enjoying a successful existence. Merchants in the town and county report a year of successful business and all claim that prosperity has abounded in our midst during the past twelve months.

Improvements have been numerous in both town and county. Many new buildings have been erected. People seem to be taking a pride in the appearance of their property. Those living in the rural districts have been especially active along these lines while the towns have been making numerous changes.

Gettysburg presents a far better appearance than one year ago. The streets which were, at that time, subject for much unfavorable comment have, through the management of the Town Council, be gotten into very acceptable condition. New pavements have been laid in large numbers. The paint brush has been applied freely. Many changes to properties have made and one would notice a great change if he were able to inspect Gettysburg a year ago and then Gettysburg to day.

There has been little to mar the year just past. While calamity and catastrophe have been reported from all over the World, Gettysburg has not suffered. The disaster at Camp Hays last Summer is fresh in the memory of every resident of the county but, though hundreds of citizens were in the camp at the time of the memorable storm, not one was injured. A number of prominent people of the town and county have passed away during the last twelve months and are being much missed in the communities in which they lived. Few accidents have occurred though some of these resulted fatally.

Great things are expected in this section for 1909. With several new business buildings to be erected in Gettysburg, a number of new homes in contemplation, continued prosperity in sight for the entire county, an unprecedented season for Adams County's apple growers and numerous other signs of success Gettysburg and Adams County enter upon the New Year.

TRUE KINDNESS

Biglerville Jan. 1—On Christmas day, a post card shower was given to Mytle Bittinger, aged 5 years of mute one, Biglerville. She received 250 cards. The readers may recall, how, during the Summer many children were stricken with Spinal Meningitis and this little girl was one of the unfortunate to contract the disease. As a result of this illness her lower limbs up to this time have remained paralyzed.

Being a bright attractive little girl her letter carrier thought he could make her Christmas brighter, by getting up a card shower among her friends along the route. An appeal was made in the Sabbath school at Biglerville to send cards.

After hearing the story of the little child, many hearts were touched. The carrier was asked if he would take a package to the little girl, to which he gladly consented. On Christmas morn as the carrier's team was standing at the post office, the children filled the buggy with packages. We learned next day that these packages contained two dozen oranges, candy, nuts, cakes, figs, dates, a new dress, a post card album, several handkerchiefs, $3.00 in money and many other little toys.

She also received some nice presents from friends in Arendtsville, consisting of several nice dolls, a small piano, pair bedroom slippers, and other small toys. Mr. and Mrs. Bittinger, in behalf of their little girl, extend their most hearty thanks to all who contributed cards and packages thus making little Myrtle an exceedingly happy Christmas.

SELLS WEIMER

York Dispatch:—John Weimer, of this city, who played with George Heckert's Harrisburg team, and later with the New Castle club, has been sold to the New Orleans team and will probably play there next season in center field position. Heckert announced the deal last night but refused to cite the sum received. Weimer is at present attending Gettysburg college. He was the premier hitter in the Ohio and Pennsylvania league last season and Heckert says he is sure to make good on the Southern team.

END OF THE YEAR SOCIAL EVENTS

Dances and Parties. How the New Year was Ushered in by Gettysburg and the County. Not so Noisy as before.

Gettysburg was unusually quiet New Year's Eve and there was little demonstration when 1909 arrived. A few whistles were blown, there was some shooting and a little other racket but the noise in other years has been much greater. There were numerous small parties and social gatherings in town while many families "sat out" the old year. As usual the business places of town closed for New Year's Day. Special hours were observed at the post office, the city carriers making holiday deliveries and collections while the rural carriers enjoyed a day off.

In the county the usual forms of welcoming the incoming year were observed. Noise and fun marked the advent of 1909 while many New Year's Eve parties were held all over Adams County. The New Year's Day parades in the various parts of Adams County were held and the day was spent in fun and pleasure by almost all parties. Shooting matches were well attended at some places and other forms of amusement were enjoyed.

EUCHRE AND DANCE

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Sons of Veterans Reserves held a most delightful dance and euchre in the Armory on Carlisle street Thursday evening. The affair was attended by between fifty and seventy five people. The evening was spent in playing euchre followed by dancing until the New Year was ushered in. The music for the occasion was furnished by Dr. Stewart's orchestra. The Armory was very prettily decorated with bunting and flags.

DANCE

New Year's Eve a number of the young people of town enjoyed a dance in the Sigma Chi fraternity house on the college campus. Those who attended the affair were Mr. and Mrs. John W. Bigham, Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen Dickson, Misses Martha Dickson, Maybelle Diehl, Louise and Katharine Duncan, Florence and Elizabeth Hersh, Margaret Koser, Ruth Reinecke, Rachael Skelly, Anna Spangler, Nollie Weaver, Messrs. Grover Bream, Joseph and McCrea Dickson, David J. Forney, McCarroll Fox, Donald and Henry Huber, John D. Keith, Paul A. Martin, W. O. Reinecke, J. Donald Swope, Raymond Topper, Maurice S. Weaver and H. T. Whitney.

ENTERTAINED CLASS

Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock Mr. E. P. Miller, of York street, tendered his Sunday School class an oyster supper which was very much enjoyed by those present. After supper a fine musical programme was rendered. Those present were: John Blocher, Curtis Sheads, Charles Culp, David Myers, Earl Deatrick, Maurice Baker, Roy Weaner, John Hartman, Luther McDonnell, Clyde Bream, Edgar Miller, Calvin Hartman.

TO AID VICTIMS

U. Ambrogi, the Baltimore street fruit dealer has been authorized to receive subscriptions for the relief of the earthquake victims in Italy and Sicily. Mr. Ambrogi has been given this authority by the Board of Governors of the Italian Independent Association of Maryland.

The Times, also, will receive and acknowledge contributions for this fund, seeing that they are forwarded promptly to the proper parties.

"KRISSKINGLERS"

The "Krisskinglers", of route 13, were out touring the country Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Maring, Miss Eliza Thomas, Hanna, Arthur and Clarence Maring, Clarence Fair, Lake Weaver and Charles McKinney were among the number as dark complected people.

CHURCH SERVICES

Bendersville Jan. 1—There will be services in Bethlehem Lutheran church during the first week in January 1909, beginning with Monday evening, Jan. 4th at 7 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend regularly.

SALEM U. B. CHURCH

The pastor will preach at 10:30 a. m. next Sabbath. Subject: "The Holy Communion." The administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper after preaching. The ordinance of Christian Baptism will also be presented. Hymns 386, 193, 470 and 348.

Miss Pauline Emmert, of New Oxford, and guest, Miss Ziegler, were Gettysburg visitors Thursday.

SAY WE MUST PAY FOR FIRES

Cumberland County Claims that Adams County Commissioners Must Pay for Services of Fire Fighters Some Weeks Ago.

Claiming that at least a portion of the fire was in Menallen township, this county, the Cumberland County Commissioners have refused to pay bills for fire fighting amounting to $420.20. The Cumberland County authorities say that it is Adams County's duty to pay the claims which were filed after the disastrous forest fires in the vicinity of Pine Grove Furnace some weeks ago. Another bill of $173.40 was submitted by the Cumberland county warden in charge but payment was refused in this case also.

The action of the Commissioners of our neighboring county was taken Wednesday after consultation with state authorities. The second bill will not be paid for the reason that the company at Pine Grove put the men to work themselves and therefore, it is so alleged, are responsible for their pay. Indeed, one of the commissioners stated that he understood that the company has already paid the men for fighting the flames Cumberland county will pay no fire fighting bills unless the fighters are deputized by a constable and under the law he must make oath that they are on the ground.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Clutz were given a "pantry shower" by St. James congregation Thursday evening.

Mrs. Jennie S. Croll, of Princeton, is visiting in town.

Mrs. Annie K. Young has returned from a visit with friends in Baltimore.

Miss Anna Spangler spent Tuesday as the guest of friends in York.

Mrs. Stuckenberg has returned to town after an absence of some months.

H. J. Spalding, of Littlestown, has purchased one of J. L. Butt's fine pacing colts.

Mrs. Edward Wolf will spend a few days with the family of Rev. A. R. Steck in York.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Myers, Mrs. Schnitzer, and Robert Schnitzer spent today with relatives in New Oxford.

Emory Forrest has returned to his home in Lewistown after a visit with friends in Gettysburg.

Mrs. V. M. Horner and daughter, Elsie, spent the day at the home of J. W. Benner near Barlow.

The annual epidemic of grip is almost due.

The newly elected county officers take their offices on Monday next.

Carlisle has a measle epidemic, almost 400 cases being reported Tuesday.

A good many Christmas toys have already found their way to the scrap heap.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pittenturf went to Emmitsburg Thursday to attend the funeral of their nephew who was killed in the railroad accident near York this week.

Miss Mable Sheetz has returned to New Oxford after a visit of several days at the home of Miss Nellie Weaver, on Baltimore street.

Joseph Rowe, of Emmitsburg, was a Gettysburg visitor Wednesday.

Hanover's basket ball team failed to appear on Wednesday evening. No reason was given and they gave no notice that they would not appear. When called on the telephone the manager sent word that two of their players were ill.

The fiftieth annual meeting of the state Horticultural Association will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, January 19 and 20 in Harrisburg. R. M. Elden, of Aspers, is one of the vice presidents of the association.

The metallic roof is being placed on the new stables of the Battlefield Commission on South Washington street.

GETTYSBURG MARKETS

Corrected daily by Col. E. Spangler

Wheat	96c. per bu.
Corn Ears	
Corn Shell	.70
New Rye	.70
New Oats	.50

RETAIL PRICES

Bran	1.30	
Middlings	1.50	
Corn and Oats Chop	1.50	
Rye Chops	1.65	
Oats, Western	.60	
Oats, Country	.55	
Wheat	1.10	
Corn, Ears	.70	
Corn Shell	.80	
Hay, Timothy	.60	
Hay, Mixed		.50
Straw	.50	

MARK OPENING OF NEW YEAR

Events of Interest in Many Parts of Globe Today.

IN FINANCE, SPORT, ETC.

Coming Into Operation of Old Age Pension Law Interests Great Britain. New Postal Rates Between United States and Germany—Marathon Race in Yonkers For Amateur Runners. Mummers' Parade in Philadelphia.

London, Jan. 1. — Beginning today every person in Great Britain over seventy years old whose annual income does not exceed £26 5s., or $130, will be entitled under the old age pension law to a weekly allowance of 5 shillings, or approximately $1.25 from the public treasury. The applicant for the pension must comply with certain conditions. He must not be a fanatic, and he must be free from a criminal record. No pension will be allowed to a person who has "habitually refused to work," and to "all who have been brought into a position to apply for a pension through his or her willful acts of misbehavior" are barred from the benefits of the act. There are other restrictions to the application of the act to the aged poor, but the foregoing are the principal provisions of the law.

Change In German Postal Rate.

New York, Jan. 1.—From today on the postal rate on letters between the United States and the German empire will be 2 cents. This rate applies only to letters carried on vessels sailing direct between American and German ports and not to those that are transshipped by way of other countries. Agitation has been started to make the new rate applicable to all letters between German and the United States, without regard to route.

Runners Meet at Yonkers.

Yonkers, N. Y., Jan. 1.—The Marathon race held here today is styled by the promoters "the American Marathon championship," and inasmuch as President James E. Sullivan, of the A. A. U. is personally interested in the success of the affair, it is probable that the winner will be hailed as the American champion at amateur distance running.

The race will be the regular Marathon distance, 26 miles, 385 yards in length, and will start at Getty square, in Yonkers, and run two miles to the Empire City track, where the remainder of the run will take place.

Big Parade In Philadelphia Today.

Philadelphia, Jan. 1.—This is the day of days for the Philadelphia small boy, his little sister and his older relatives who have not lost their joy in fun and jollity. Today is "Shooters'" day, when Philadelphia's streets are filled with a riot of men in all sorts of quaint, extravagant and beautiful costumes, competing for the prizes in the "Mummers' parade."

The Mummers' parade on New Year's day is an annual event in Philadelphia. This morning's parade was longer, more brilliant and more diversified than ever before, and the city is crowded with visitors from nearby cities and towns, as well as from New York, Baltimore and Washington. The city has offered $3596 in prizes to the clubs making the best turnouts, and to this sum are added many prizes offered by local merchants and societies.

Vanderlip Succeeds Stillman.

New York, Jan. 1. — A change of great interest to the financial world takes place today in the retirement of James Stillman from the presidency of the National City bank, which has a larger capital and surplus than any other bank in New York. This bank is frequently referred to as "the Standard Oil bank" owing to the closeness of its relations to the great oil corporation. Mr. Stillman is succeeded by Frank A. Vanderlip, formerly assistant secretary of the treasury and since 1901 vice president of the bank.

General S. B. M. Young Retires.

Washington, Jan. 1. — Friends of General Samuel B. M. Young in army circles here are greatly interested in his retirement today from the superintendency of the Yellowstone National park. The long service of General Young, who enlisted as a private in the Civil War and rose to the rank of lieutenant general in the regular army, is well remembered. His home is in Washington. General Young retired from active service in the army in 1904, being appointed subsequently by President Roosevelt to look after Yellowstone park.

Our Soldiers Leave Cuba.

Havana, Jan. 1.—With the embarkation from here today of the first members of the United States army of pacification to leave Cuba began what patriotic Cubans trust will be the permanent evacuation of the island. The movement of the troops back to the United States will be completed by April 1.

The officers and civilians on duty in connection with the provisional government will sail from Havana on Jan. 28, the day after the inauguration of President Gomez. Three army transports will be required to bring the troops home, and they will be landed at Newport News, Va.

Freight Rates Advanced Today.

New York, Jan. 1—Transcontinental freight rates will be advanced on all eastbound traffic, both by rail and by rail and water, beginning today. The class rates on westbound traffic will remain as they are now. The commodity rate on westbound traffic from Atlantic seaboard points to Pacific coast terminals will be increased approximately 10 per cent. The eastbound commodity rate from the Pacific coast to Atlantic seaboard points will be advanced about 18 per cent on the average, some of the items being as high as 60 per cent advance and some as low as 3 per cent.

HAINS' PARENTS ON STAND

Father and Mother Testify In Son's Defense.

Flushing, N. Y., Jan. 1.—General Peter C. Hains, U. S. A., and his wife, Mrs. Virginia P. Hains, parents of Thornton J. Hains, now being tried before Justice Crane as a principal in the slaying of William E. Annis, were witnesses in their son's behalf, and their testimony brought out in full detail the relationship of Mrs. Claudia Hains and William E. Annis that caused the estrangement of Captain Hains and his wife.

General Hains declared that in his presence, and before his two sons, Peter and Thornton Hains, the captain's wife, Claudia Hains, made a full confession of her misconduct, and that subsequently Captain Hains manifested such poignant grief from the disclosures that his mental condition became affected. The confession, which General Hains declared his son's wife, Claudia Hains, had signed on the day following Captain Hains' return from the west, was read to the jury.

General Hains made a strong witness for his son.

Through Mrs. General Hains, who wept man times during her story, the defense drew out facts that Captain Hains in his early life evidenced physical weakness, which, counsel will endeavor to prove, through three experts, were a predisposing cause to insanity.

HOLIDAY DOES NOT HALT ERB TRIAL

State's Testimony Don't Support Contention of Plot.

Media, Pa., Jan. 1.—Although today is New Year's day and a holiday, the Erb trial proceeds as usual. The testimony revealed little that has not been published about the slain man's domestic woes. The court was insistent again that all evidence be eliminated that was not of a character to strengthen the charge that the widow and sister, who are on trial, plotted the killing.

That Mrs. Erb had taken offense at her husband for calling her "vile names," had thrown things at him during a quarrel on the night of the tragedy and then summoned her sister to protect her, we brought out by witnesses, who repeated what the widow is alleged to have told them.

After Mrs. Beisel's arrival at the house Erb came from his room, pistol in hand, and was about to rush at his wife, when the sister disarmed and shot him, the jury was informed.

While District Attorney MacDade is far from through with his side of the case, it is hard to see so far how a verdict of first degree murder can be established against either of the accused women, as the testimony does not support the contention of a plot.

WILL NOT CALL ROOSEVELT

Secret Service Probers Will Not Demand Testimony From President.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Senator Hale, acting chairman of the committee on appropriations, which has in charge the investigation of the methods of the secret service, said there is no intention, so far as [illegible] of [illegible] moning President R[illegible] fore the committee after [illegible]ment on March 4, as has been intimated in some published reports.

KILLED LANDLADY

Late Breakfast Roused Her Boarders' Anger.

Scranton, Pa., Jan 1.—Mrs. John Harvatz was killed at Throop, near here, by Sohnodo Fentz, a boarder in her home. The woman tried to escape the man's fury by running into the yard, but he followed and shot her dead. Fentz then turned the revolver on himself, inflicting a fatal wound. Trouble arose at the breakfast table, Fentz taking offense because his breakfast was somewhat late.

A large measure of interest is being felt by horsemen over the country in the experiments which are being conducted by the government horse breeding station at Weybridge, Vt., where a well defined and practical effort is being made to propagate the breed of almost extinct Morgan horses. Here are assembled the finest and purest types of the breed which the government agents could find and purchase. While the work laid out is but in its beginnings, the results are bound to be of great value to the horse breeding interests of the country.

Too Many Funerals.

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Stepan Metrof rushed into his house, where his wife was getting the dinner, pale as a ghost and his eyes starting out of his head.

"What is it, Stepan? For the love of God, what is it? Have you been drawn?"

"Yes; I must kill the minister of the interior."

The wife covered her face with her hands and trembled; then she said, "It is you who must die, not the minister."

"Rather, we must both die."

"I mean you must die to the world."

"How can I do that, Natalie?"

"Leave it to me."

Metrof shook his head doubtfully. Nevertheless he had confidence in his wife's ingenuity and hoped. In a week he was apparently very ill. His wife sent for Alex Gagin, president of the circle, to come and see him. Metrof was in bed. His wife said that worry over the order to kill the minister was driving him into the grave. In two weeks from that time Natalie sent again for Gagin, who came and saw Metrof lying in his coffin. Natalie had painted his face so that he made a disagreeable looking corpse.

"See what you have done!" she said, covering her hands and weeping copiously.

"Ach!" exclaimed Gagin contemptuously. "Your husband was a coward." and went away. But in a moment he returned and, taking a hand glass, placed it before Metrof's nostrils. Metrof heard him ask for the glass and when the test was made held his breath. Gagin, catching no moisture on the glass, went away again—this time for good.

The next day Natalie, in the garb of a widow, followed a coffin in which there were stones and boards to the grave, and a new man was chosen to kill the minister.

Two years later Metrof and his wife were living in New York, keeping a wine shop. One day a man entered the shop and, sitting at a table, called for a glass of wine. At seeing Metrof he looked at him keenly. Metrof went into a back room, where he found Natalie and told her that Peter Katavisof, one of the circle which had ordered him to kill the minister, was in the shop and had recognized him. "I shall be followed and murdered," he added.

Natalie, instead of giving way to grief, began to think.

"You must die again," she said presently.

"That game will not work twice."

"It will, but must be done differently."

Metrof kept a revolver in the house. His wife went out and got a paper of red dye and a little sponge. Putting water and the dye on the sponge and handing her husband the revolver loaded with blank cartridges, she gave him instructions what to do. Metrof went out into the shop, where he found the stranger waiting. Metrof went up to him and said: "You have recognized me. I am lost. But I can stand this strain no longer. I will save you the trouble of punishing me." With that he stepped back to the door through which he had come, put the revolver to his temple and fired. He fell into Natalie's arms, and a red stream trickled from his temple. She had squeezed the sponge. She drew him into the room and shut the door, refusing to admit any one but the police.

The next morning the papers mentioned a suicide in the Bowery, and Metrof's representative corpse was buried again.

After the funeral Natalie, a widow for the second time, sold the shop and went west, where she was joined by her husband. Having bought a farm, they settled to its cultivation, hoping that there would be no necessity for any more funerals.

One day when the couple were on a train who should walk down the aisle but Peter Katavisof. As he passed them and saw Metrof he stopped, his eyes fixed on him with astonishment. Then he passed on, and the hunted man knew that his life was again the object of the dreaded circle.

Metrof believed that Katavisof would report him to the circle at St. Petersburg and some one would be commissioned to kill him. He never went out of his house at night and in the day always carried weapons. One night there was a knock at his door. Natalie motioned him to conceal himself while she answered the summons. A man with shocky hair and beard, whom both recognized for a Russian, entered and asked for something to eat. The reply to his request was a bullet from Metrof sent through the heart.

Natalie found on the body papers to satisfy her that he had been sent to kill her husband. Copying his handwriting, she wrote the circle in his name that he had succeeded, but he must go into hiding to escape the law. Natalie told her neighbors that her husband had been murdered, showed them his corpse, which she had painted as before, and buried the would be assassin.

"Well," said Metrof the night after having been buried the third time, "I've tired of these funerals."

"Be comforted," said his wife. "They will be sure this time of your death. We will change once more, and hereafter you must be made up to look like some one else."

"You can't make me up for anything worse than a corpse," he replied, "and I've got used to that."

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